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# LIVERPOOL

## Milan tour set, now mighty Reds may visit

The vice-president of the Australian Soccer Federation Mr Michael Weinstein, has started negotiations for a tour by European champion Liverpool in July-August.

And Gianni Rivera's AC Milan of Italy will definitely be here in June, Mr Weinstein told "Soccer Action" on his return from Paraguay with the Australian under 19 team.

While in Brazil, Mr Weinstein helped arrange the South American leg of Milan's tour. It is not yet known whether Milan will go from South America to Australia or vice versa.

A visit to Australia by Liverpool is dependent on matches in North or South America.

While he was in Los Angeles, Mr Weinstein talked with the vice-president of the U.S. Soccer Federation, John O'Best, about matches for Liverpool in the U.S.

O'Best rang Liverpool officials who said they would be happy to tour in June, if the team is free of other commitments.

The tour is a distinct possibility because Liverpool is left in none of the European competitions.

Mr Weinstein said he would know by early April whether Liverpool will come.

The mighty English club, featuring Kenny Dalglish, Graeme Souness, Ray Clemence and Emlyn Hughes would play four or five matches throughout Australia.

If the tour does not eventuate, the ASF will replace Liverpool with either Boca Juniors of Argentina or Flamengo of Brazil.

Stars of Boca Juniors are Vicente Perna, Roberto Mouzo, Jorge Ribolzi and Ernesto Mastrangelo.

The great Brazilian international Zico and Paulo Cesar play for Flamengo.

Mr Weinstein has received an offer to bring the Victorian State team on a U.S. tour, but the terms - accommodation and 50% of gate but no air fares - mean the tour would be uneconomical.

## Surfers, Bombers, Harbour Bridgers?



Sydney City, from left back row: Gerry Chaldi (coach), Silva Marcus, Fonseca Mozart, Tony Pazzano, Borges Nello, Ian Bruce, Harry Lakmoker (secretary). Middle row: Jimmy Webber, Murray Barnes, Eddie Thomson, Kevin Mullen, Hilton Silva, Alan Kershaw, Terry Smith, Mark Trenter, front row: Steve O'Connor, Ernie Campbell, Joe Watson, Henry Mowbray, John Stevenson, Ian Souness, Luis De Melo, Bob Yousph. Absent: Todd Clarke.



## Men in black have a sponsor too

Leagues are sponsored, clubs are sponsored, and now referees have got into the act.

Dunlop Footwear this week announced a cash grant to the Australian Soccer Federation to help improve the standard of refereeing in Australia.

The money will help finance lecture tours by referees' instructors and courses for junior referees.

It will also help fly referees to and from Philips League matches.

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Ten of the 14 PSL clubs have accepted Dunlop's offer so far.

Total value of Dunlop Footwear's sponsorship is \$40,000 for the year.

It will spend the same again in the second year of its initial two-year involvement.

Mr Terry Seacy, marketing manager of Dunlop Footwear, Bankstown, said: "We believe soccer in Australia has a big future. We decided to get involved because we actually manufacture products used in the game."

"Already, we are looking to deeper involvement after the initial test period."

The Sydney Surfers ... Bondi Bombers ... Harbour Bridgers ... or maybe the Golderdribblers(?)

Sydney City (Hakoah-East) has launched a nation-wide competition to find a suitable nick-name.

The competition is being run in conjunction with "Sunday Telegraph" and Astronaut Travel.

Entry forms will appear in the "Sunday Telegraph".

Everyone who enters by submitting a suggested nick-name will receive two free tickets to Sydney City's first home game, against 1978 Australian champion, West Adelaide.

Winner of the competition will get two return air fares to London and admission tickets to the FA Cup final.

A three-page souvenir feature about Sydney City appears on pages 7-9 today.

## PSL PAID \$256,000 IN 1978 AIR FARES

ASF president Sir Arthur George has added his voice to the escalating protest against the high cost of air travel in Australia.

A return air trip to Perth cost \$478, he said. This made it uneconomical to include teams from Western Australia.

Return trips to Singapore and New Zealand cost less than to Perth.

Sir Arthur said that after discounts, it cost \$256,000 in air fares to run the Philips League last season.

Sir Arthur was speaking to Press people, Queensland soccer officials and politicians at a dinner, in Brisbane, organised by Philips to announce that the company's employees and agencies would from now on be involved in the promotions of the PSL.

Sir Arthur said it was financially imperative that the Soccercoers reach the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain.

Gross takings in the World Cup in Argentina last year were \$47 million, which included \$10 million for TV rights and \$7 million for ground advertising.

Argentina, the world champion, received a payout of \$8 million and even tiny Tunisia received \$500,000.

Sir Arthur said he felt media pressure to soccer in Queensland was good but could not say the same about other States, particularly Victoria, where there was a certain amount of "religious intolerance".

The chairman of Philips Industries, Mr Herman Huyer, announced that Brisbane City will be allowed to keep the Philips Cup if it wins it for the third successive time this year. The trophy is worth \$5000.

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# Soccer gets the cold shoulder

By PETER GEORGIU

Australian soccer has received yet another slap in the face, this time from the committee that selected the Age-Caltex Sportsman of the Year Award.

At a time when the Australian under 19s, playing in South America, were becoming the talk of their classmates, having represented the country by playing soccer, this sport appears to have again fallen victim to discrimination.

At the Sportsman of the Year award presentation soccer wasn't mentioned once, as if it was a forbidden word for the night.

Not even one mention of the sport which gave the young Australians the opportunity to get out of the "dictatorship" of "Aussie Rules" and see the world!

Essendon's Tommy Cumming was one whom the committee, after realising he was a soccer player, dropped from the twelve final candidates and the sport was again insulted when they included only "footy's" top scorer.

One fails to see the reason for such an award when an international sport like soccer is not even represented among the finalists.

There is no point naming all the players eligible for the award who were pushed aside by the organisers. Not even soccer OFFICIALS were invited to the night.

We could mention the joint PSL top scorers for 1978, Ken Boden and Clive Eaton, or the "Sirs" of Australian soccer, Jack Kelly and Jimmy Rooney each an Australian representative in over 40 international matches.

If that's not an achievement in sport, then what is?

But that won't do. Soccer in Australia and particularly in Victoria is up against it. For example, there is the hard-line Department of Sport which is so obsessed with "Aussie Rules" that it tends to forget its actual role as a service to all sports.

Most of the Department's officials look upon soccer as something of a U.F.O.!

Even now they refuse to see clearly that soccer is played by many young Australians and that the code has a bigger following, internationally, than any other sport.

At a time when the State Government is putting such emphasis on establishing and increasing tourism in Victoria, "Aussie Rules" unknown overseas, won't help in the promotion of this Garden State as a tourist attraction. Soccer on the other hand has already put Melbourne on the international tourism map.

So when a youngster sees his schoolmates flying from country to country playing soccer, he realises that the most "footy" can offer is a trip to Ireland for a game of Gaelic Football with Dr. Aylett's Galahs! Then, when the youngster turns to soccer he also realises that the code gets pushed around the discriminated against by bad promotion and even laws of another football code that's not even national!

So when we say that the Sportsman of the Year award takes every sport into consideration let's also include soccer.

When we say "fair go," we must also mean it!

# Krncevic in new colors against J.U.S.T.

Under 19 international Eddie Krncevic will make his first appearance for Marconi in a practice match against Footscray J.U.S.T. at Schintler Reserve, Footscray, on Sunday.

The match starts at 4 pm.

Krncevic, 18, was transferred to Marconi from Essendon Croatia just before he left for Paraguay with the Australian youth team.

With J.U.S.T.'s official transfer list expected to be released tomorrow (Thursday), coach Cedo Cirikovic will field the team that he will use in the PSL championship.

His first 11 appear to be: Steve Potter

(goal), Andrija Ristic (right back or midfield), Jim Kondarovic (centre back), Radoslav Jovicic (centre back), Zoran Ilic (right back, left back or midfield), Zdravko Lujic (left back, midfield or left wing), Joe Piccione (midfield), Slobodan Jovanovic (midfield), Joe Palinkas (right wing), Peter Orlerton (centre forward), Mendo Ristovski (left wing or midfield).

# THE GREATEST SOCCEROOS

International football is obviously the peak of success for any soccer player. The feeling a player gets representing his country is unique.

In my 49 internationals spread over seven years, I must have played against 20 different countries and toured the world three times.

I know I wouldn't have seen so much of the world if it hadn't been for football.

The standard of international soccer isn't always as high as it should be, but with Malcolm Macdonald, Mordechai Spiegler, Derek Doogan, Gerd Mueller, Alindo and Franz Beckenbauer around, the difference is always made up.

The players I've mentioned are just a few of the greats I opposed on the field. All were in a class of their own and it was a pleasure to play against them.

The Australian team developed well in international soccer from 1969 to the 1974 World Cup finals.

The 1969 team performed

wonders on a shoe-string budget and only just failed to qualify for the 1970 World Cup finals in Mexico.

Our next World Cup bid was different. The money was there for proper preparation in our build-up towards the 1974 World Cup finals, and that financial backing was the little extra needed to bridge the gap between success and failure.

I believe the 1969 team was just as good as the 1974 side. The 1969 team was beaten only by politics and lack of money in its bid to qualify for the World Cup.

But I'm not suggesting the 1974 team's task was made easy.

Hard tours have been part and parcel of the life of any Australian national team. I hope this doesn't sound like too much of a complaint but it's apparent FIFA likes using Australia to solve its problems.

In 1969, FIFA had a touchy political problem involving Rhodesia. The African country didn't have diplomatic ties with other countries, and FIFA was trying to organise a sub-group play off. Australia solved FIFA's problem by playing Rhodesia twice in Mozambique before taking on Israel. This involved the Australian team flying from Sydney to Mozambique, then on to Tel Aviv.

The second part of this journey involved the Australians flying halfway around the world, from Africa to the Middle East!

And a week before leaving Sydney, the Australians had been in South Korea for qualifying matches!

Australia once again helped out FIFA by playing 1970 World Cup qualifying matches against Taiwan in Fiji. Taiwan was unable to get visas for its touring party because Australia did not have diplomatic ties with Taiwan.

I suppose it could be taken as a compliment that FIFA looks toward Australia for help.

During my seven-year stint in international football, I played under two coaches. The first was Joe Vlasits.

'Uncle' Joe was a father figure to the players. Squad members would always do as Vlasits wanted without Joe needing to use harsh words. But that doesn't mean Joe was never upset.

Australia first blossomed as a soccer nation under Vlasits. He showed the potential was there.

Vlasits' strength was being able to pick the right team for a particular game. If a player was left out of the team, there was a reason, although sometimes only Joe knew what that reason was!

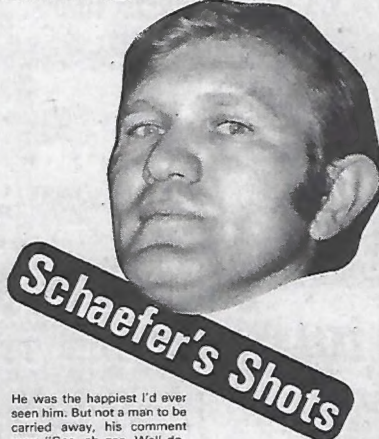
But if Joe made a change, it always turned out right. Vlasits' most rewarding game as national coach was in 1969, when Australia defeated South Korea and won the right to challenge Rhodesia and Israel for a place in the 1970 World Cup finals.

As we were walking off the field, I saw Joe approaching.

LEAVING

Mrs Jackie Bannon, who has worked for the Victorian Soccer Federation for six years, leaves this week.

Mrs Bannon wife of Frankston City star Vince Bannon, is expecting a baby.



Michael Weinstein

# OUR GRIPE WITH FIFA: WEINSTEIN

Australia should not have been required to play the world youth championship qualifying series in Paraguay, tour leader Michael Weinstein said this week.

"Our only gripe with FIFA," he said.

"After having won the Oceania qualifying round, we should not have had to play a further qualifying series against Paraguay and Israel."

Mr Weinstein, chairman of the VSF and vice-president of the ASF, said many reports printed in Australian newspapers while the under-19 team was away, were highly exaggerated and inaccurate.

"The Paraguay FA did everything possible to make us comfortable. We stayed in a first-class hotel and the food was excellent. Everything was equal to or better than the facilities we provide for teams visiting Australia."

"The reports about the sub-standard hotel which we occupied concerned only one day."

"We arrived one day earlier than we were supposed to because in making arrangements for our visit, the authorities had not taken into consideration the existence of the International Date Line."

"When we arrived at the hotel, there was no one there to meet us. So I booked us into a luxurious hotel overnight and the next day, the Paraguayan FA sent us to another hotel."

"However, the air-conditioning there was not working and within 24 hours the FA had shifted us into another, first-class hotel."

"I understand many of the players complained about cockroaches. The fact is, Paraguay is as full of cockroaches as Australia is full of flies and mosquitoes. Soccer players touring overseas simply must be prepared for such things — and worse."

"They have to learn to play under any conditions and in any part of the world. They must be prepared to beat the weather, the ground, the crowds and the referees, for there is no denying that there is such a thing as a home-town referee."

"However, Paraguay was a worthy winner in this tournament and our boys were not disgraced in losing to them 0-2 and 0-3, and the Paraguayans had beaten Uruguay 5-0 and Brazil 4-0 in earlier rounds."

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partners in the centre of the defence.

Dick van Alphen, Alan Marnoch and Peter Wilson teamed up with me at different times, and all were great players.

I will now tell of my brief retirement from international football after the World tour of 1970.

I bought a couple of milk runs and devoted a lot of time to setting up my new business. Six mornings a week I pounded the streets of Parramatta, clocking up 40 miles each morning.

I was training with St George four nights a week, so as you can imagine, I was pretty fit!

It was my fitness which allowed me to continue in international football longer than I had anticipated.

Australia's loss to Dundee paved the way for my return to the national team. Coach Rasic rang me and asked would I like to return.

I didn't need a second invitation!

My first game back was against Wolves of England in Melbourne. We won the game 1-0.

My next match in Australian colors was against Santos of Brazil, which features the great Pele. We drew the game 2-2.

Many people ask me how many goals I scored for Australia. After seven years, they say, I must have knocked in a few. I remember well, and can tell you exactly how I scored my only one.

Next week I will tell of the conversations I had with Gerd Mueller, Franz Beckenbauer and many other top players during the 1974 World Cup finals. Also I will reveal how I felt returning to my former homeland to be hero-worshipped.

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# DISASTER IN PARAGUAY: EXCLUSIVE REPORT

## ONLY WOODHOUSE GOOD ENOUGH?

From PEDRO BLANCA in Asuncion

The Australian under-19 team's visit to Paraguay was a disaster from start to finish.

Before the team returned to Australia, I discovered that:

- Many players believed that the training sessions were too strenuous and that they would have performed much better had training been lighter;

- Many suffered from strength-sapping diarrhoea — a result of unaccustomed food, water and climate;

- There were some nasty clashes at training between players — including Craig Hall and Ian Rowden, and coach Rudi Gutendorf;

Players were generally unhappy with what they claimed was an inadequate food supply;

- Gutendorf allegedly told the squad that only one player — goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse — would be considered for Australia's 'A' team when it is picked.

At the time I was assigned to cover the Australians' tour for "Soccer Action", I was told that the young Socceroos had been showing tremendous form in trial matches at home.

Then came the news from colleagues in Rio de Janeiro that the Australians had shown some exceptional ability in beating a second-string Flamengo side 3-2.

I therefore found it hard to believe that the team I finally saw here in Asuncion was the same one that had been so enthusiastically praised.

Eddie Krncevic, who had been built up as a striker of phenomenal class, could not do a thing right. George Christopoulos, who was supposed to be an outstanding libero, was nowhere near what I had expected. Apparently he was one of the players who was suffering from digestive disorders.

The entire attack was non-existent, although young Peter Tredinnick did show glimpses of form.

The midfield was only mediocre, the defence made too many mistakes. Only Woodhouse in goal showed any class.

There seemed to be little spark, little enthusiasm in the players. They looked as if they were tired before they even went onto the pitch.

Indeed, many of them complained about the constant heat and humidity, which made it very difficult to sleep.

Others complained that they had to get up at 6 am for training, because it was too hot to train later in the day.

And there were the early experiences — an abysmal motel which had cockroaches crawling through it, and perhaps the worst training ground in all of Paraguay.

Had it not been for Gutendorf's constant complaining, these matters might not have been rectified.

The players respected Gutendorf for his thoroughly professional approach to his job and his determination to have things done the way he wanted them to be done.

Unfortunately, many of the players did not show the same professionalism.

They were also bitter about the amount of hard training they had to do and the fact that there was little let-up.

Much of this training was under Gutendorf's assistant, Joe Vlasits.

As the days wore on, heated arguments broke out among players and between players and coach. One player remarked: "We are all getting sick of each other."

The first blow-up had been in Rio. A colleague I spoke to there by phone told me that Gutendorf and team masseur Peter van Rijn had clashed openly. It had been so bad that van Rijn was on the verge of going back to Australia.

After the last game against Paraguay, the team was allowed out "on the town" and I hear that at least one player was collared by Gutendorf for having "over-indulged".

Australia ended up finishing last in the



Australian under-19s goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse of APIA.

group, after Israel managed to score a goal in its 1-2 loss to Paraguay in the last game.

Paraguay thus won every game to win the series easily, but although its midfielders and forwards were exceptionally talented, its defenders were suspect.

Romero showed great skill on the ball and deadly finishing when he was near goal, but he showed a tendency to cave in when marked closely.

Israel has some excellent players and its three centre-backs were hard to pass but like Australia, the Israelis seemed to go rapidly downhill in the difficult conditions. Indeed, the Israelis I spoke to admitted as much.

In Australia's last game, against Paraguay, the Socceroos showed their frustration in some very hard tackles. Paraguay wasn't blameless either and it was no surprise that a Paraguayan was sent off about the 35th minute, and an Australian (Davidson) just before the end.

I would like to be able to say that these young Socceroos have a future in representative soccer but it seems that I and the Asuncion public did not see these players at their best, if earlier reports about them were correct.

## They turned into dreamers

With all respect to everyone concerned, the results achieved by our under 19 team in Paraguay were simply not good enough.

We had a better team than the results indicate but apparently that team did not perform.

The players were given more intensive preparation than any other Australian team in the past.

Coach Rudi Gutendorf gave the boys his undivided attention and provided them with all the help possible.

His assistants also helped the boys and the accommodation and other facilities were first-class.

There is not one thing that the players have a right to complain about.

However, before they left, the players were elevated to a much higher position than they were entitled to.

All the talk in the Press turned these boys into dreamers. They no longer had their feet on the ground.

My advice to them is to wake up and start living in reality once again.

We can't defend the performances in Paraguay, they offer, because if we do, they will probably start thinking that second best is good enough.

In the light of their performances in Paraguay, the



RALE RASIC

we arrived for a World Cup match, we were held up there for three hours.

Despite all these barriers, the Socceroos still managed to produce winning performances through sheer determination, team spirit and personal pride.

It is these qualities, rather than technique, that Australia became well known for in Asia.

I predicted a big future for the under 19s after spending time with them in training at Dural before they left.

However, it seems they were different lads then. If they hope to realise their full potential, they must first develop the strength of character and total dedication of the men who have worn the green and gold in the past.

### Uniformity needed

There was much concern at the start of the South Australian Ampol Cup series about whether West Adelaide and Adelaide City would field their best teams.

There was criticism lev-

elled at both clubs for allegedly putting out second string teams, but if they were expected to field their best possible players, wouldn't one also expect that only the best referees be used?

This has not been the case.

In the opening round of the Philips League last year, a player was cautioned for kicking the ball two or three yards out of place when a free kick was awarded.

During the Ampol Cup I witnessed a player kicking the ball six times over 15 metres after the whistle had gone for a free kick, yet he was not even warned.

If we expect players to co-operate with referees, the refereeing must be uniform.

We cannot have a situation in which a player takes advantage of a referee and is allowed to get away with it, but in the next match is shown the yellow card for the same transgression.

There must also be closer co-operation between the referee in the middle and his linesmen.

In one incident I witnessed, the linesman informed the referee of a foul, but the referee gave the free kick the opposite way. How does this make the linesman look in the eyes of the public?

Even if the linesman makes a mistake, the referee should show more respect for him, for they are team mates, after all.

When the Philips League kicked off in 1977, it was clear the referees were going to apply very strict discipline. Ten yards off the ball was enforced at all times. Kicking the ball away after the whistle was punished with a yellow card, as was handling the ball.

Today we can see players catching the ball in midfield without being punished!

Referees must return to the hard line they took at the start to remove all confusion.

They and the clubs themselves must also move now to stamp out the hooligan element among the players, for the game will suffer a great deal from the presence of this element, no matter how small it is.

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# WE WON'T CHANGE KICK-OFF DATE FOR NSW: PSL BOSS

The Philips League council of clubs has rejected a suggestion that the PSL should start a week later to allow members to compete in the NSW Ampol Cup finals.

"The Philips League is the major competition in Australia so other competitions should organise themselves to fit in with us," PSL chairman **Mr Sam Papa-**

savas said.

"We drew up our fixtures well in advance, so the NSW Federation has known for some time that there could be a possible clash.

"They should have organised one of the Cup rounds mid-week to cut the competition short by one week." The PSL is due to start on March 10.



Sydney Croatia player — Coach Attila Abonyi (left) shoots for goal under pressure from Jim Tansey in the practice match against Fitzroy at Olympic Park last Sunday.



## NSW AMPOL CUP



**Phil O'Connor**  
**ST. GEORGE 1**  
**SYD. OLYMPIC 0**

Ground: Barton Park  
Crowd: 5025 (Double head-er)

Referee: Peter Rampley 7  
Yellow cards: George Harris (20)

Goals: 1-0, Cotton (81')  
ST George: Coe 7, Harris 7, Della Pica 7, Grosse 7, R. O'Shea 7, Barton 6, Henaman 6 (D. Duarte 67'), J. O'Shea 6, S. Maric 7, Cotten 7, O'Connor 8.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 6, Allen 7 (Wilson 84'), Alnall 7, Bell 7, Gibson 7, Cross 7, Leing 8, Rakopoulos 7, Jamieson 6, McIntosh 6, Eaton 6.

This game threatened to go into extra time until a freakish shot by Cotten was helped under the cross by a gust of wind to give St George the edge.

Anticipating a cross by Cotten, Gary Meier came out of goal a few yards in the 81st minute. Cotten was quick to spot the opening and lobbed a great shot over Meier's arms into the far corner and just under the bar.

After an evenly contested first half, St George seemed to have the edge, finishing the better of the two sides.

In the first half Olympic could have scored through McIntosh in the 33rd minute, but his header went over the bar and the chance went begging.

Cotten had a sitter in the 37th minute. Rob O'Shea drew two Olympic players before putting the ball in the path of Cotten. Meier came out of goal to cut the apple, but the unfortunate Cotten blasted the ball well wide of the upright.

Greg Allen, injured and limping, managed to jump and head the ball towards St George's goal in the 52nd minute. It looked a certain goal, but for a great save by Coe who flung himself to the left, just managing to push the ball over the bar for a corner. From the resultant corner kick, Derek Laing faced Coe, but his shot was also deflected by the goalie for another corner.

For the next half hour, St George dominated the game and could have gone into the lead on a few occasions. Diving headers by Phil O'Connor just missed the upright in 55th then 59th minute, followed by a sitter that fell to the feet of Peter Henaman in the 57th minute.

In the 67th minute O'Connor almost scored after a great drive from some 18 metres that left Meier helpless, but hit the crossbar and rebounded into the field of play.

With minutes ticking away, Cotten scored to settle the issue of the last semi-final place, and judging from Olympic's performance in the last nine minutes, they didn't seem to mind.

O'Connor was certainly the best player in St George's side and was unlucky not to come away with a goal or two to his credit. Della Pica and Stefan Matric are slowly finding their feet at Barton Park and looked far better than in their previous outing in the Ampol Cup.

**MARCONI 1**  
**APIA 2**

Ground: Marconi Oval  
Crowd: 6795 (Double Head-er)

Referee: Richard Lorenz 7  
Yellow cards: Praskalo (17'), Maher (73'), Henderson (86'), Turnbull (86').

Goals: 0-1, Jankovic (36'), 1-1, Scott (63'), 2-1 Scott (73').

APIA: Woodhouse 8, Skelton 7, Turnbull 7, Stone 6, Wilson 7, Rowden 7, Butler 6, Reed 6, (Drews 68'), Scott 5, O'Donnell 7 (Richards 63'), Vernon 8.

MARCONI: Maher 9, Brogan 6, Dagny 7, Russell 6, Praskalo 7, (West 64'), Byrne 7, Selvey 7, Lindsay 6, Jankovic 8, Henderson 8, Shame 7.

APIA won a bruising encounter by the slenderest of margins, but could have made it more convincing had Andy Scott scored his third goal from the penalty spot in the 84th minute.

Skipper Alan Maher, threw himself to his left to make a spectacular save from a well-taken kick by Scott, proving once again that he is one of the best. If not the best in Australia.

As early as the sixth minute, after a terrible mistake by John Russell, Maher had to come out of goal and save an almost certain goal. Tackled by Praskalo, John Vernon measured well before hitting a low drive into the far corner only to see Maher spring to his left and save it.

Woodhouse, the young Socorro goalkeeper, raced out of goal to dive at Maher's feet in the 33rd minute, following a great pass by Praskalo, but the star of our national youth team could not stop a tremendous drive by Jankovic three minutes later.

It was the luck of the bounce that favoured Jankovic in the 36th minute. He picked up the ball some 23 metres from goal, pushed it to his left, then unleashed a tremendous drive that landed in the bottom left-hand corner of APIA's goal, with Woodhouse well beaten.

In the opening minutes of the second half it was all APIA. They threw everything at Marconi and could have equalised through John Vernon, in the 49th minute. A cross by Rod Skelton eluded Alan Maher and fell at the feet of Vernon, but he skied the ball over the bar from some eight metres out.

Ken Reed slammed the ball against the post, then Stone had the last bite of the cherry but Henderson cleared off the line. With Praskalo out injured and Henderson back in defence, Marconi lost some of its thrust up front. APIA continued to attack and it was just a question of time before the teams were level.

1-1 Rod Skelton's long throw found Marconi's defence scrambling to clear, the ball bounced to Andy Scott and the tall striker did not waste time in picking his spot before ramming the ball into the roof of the net.

Ten minutes later APIA hit the front. Brogan left Vernon unattended and the speedy winger raced towards Marconi's goal. Henderson was the only man to beat, and Vernon did well to push the ball past the Marconi defender. However, he fell over Henderson's leg and referee Lorenz had no hesitation in pointing to the spot. Maher failed to stop the spot kick by Scott and APIA was on the way to a well deserved win.



**Joe Farrugia**  
**MELITA 1**  
**YUGAL 0**

Ground: Barton Park.  
Crowd: 5025.

Referee: Tony Boskovic 8.  
Yellow cards: Purac (18), Yamine (28).

Red card: Henry Duarte (15).  
Goals: 1-0, Farrugia (91').

MELITA: Bracklow 7, McPherson 7, Mikas 7, (Hernandez 75), Yamine 7, McDonald 6, Darvill 6, Parker 6 (Bella 58-6), Gailfioo 6, Milojovic 7 (Rodes 61-8), Karanfilovski 6, Delaney 6.

Melita and Yugal shared the honours for the first 15 minutes of the quarter-final at Barton Park and everything pointed to a pleasant sunny afternoon. Melita moved the ball about with purpose and Yugal continued its recent form by playing some skilful soccer at times.

In the 15th minute, an incident on the southern touch line led to the sending-off of Yugal defender Henry Duarte.

The Yugal fullback ran down the line towards Melita's goal and seemed to have a mile of space in front of him. Unfortunately, he lost his shoe in the process and the referee, Tony Boskovic, decided to stop the game ordering Duarte to put his shoe on. Duarte showed dissent, which gave Boskovic no alternative but to send him off.

Duarte refused to leave the field for almost two minutes and only some good persuasive methods by Progomeja, the Yugal defender, convinced Duarte to leave the field.

At half time, Duarte was claiming that he was insulted by the referee and was only "giving him a piece of my mind". It didn't sound convincing at all and I feel that the unfortunate Duarte will have a hard time proving his case. He was sent off against Sydney Olympic, which cost him a one-game suspension. As soon as he was back on the pitch, against Auburn, he was booked again. To top it all, Boskovic sent him off after only 15 minutes of this game.

Melita used the wind to its advantage in the second half and pounded at Barry's goal for almost 36 minutes before Joe Farrugia found his way past Yugal's goalkeeper.

Progomeja brought Allan down some 25 metres from goal and Melita was awarded a free kick. Farrugia was on the spot to blast the ball at Barry, but the Yugal goalkeeper seemed to have it covered until the ball took a deflection and landed in the corner.

That was enough to give Melita a deserved win and a place in the semi-finals against St. George.

For Yugal, Barry was outstanding in goal and kept Yugal in the game with some brilliant saves in the second half. Gailfioo and Delaney tried hard but with very little purpose while most of the solid ground work was done by T. Milojovic and Purac.

**SYD. CITY 1**  
**SUTHERLAND 0**

Ground: Marconi Oval  
Crowd: 6795

Referee: Doug Rennie 7  
Yellow cards: 29', Ian Sounness, 31' — Murray Barnes  
Goals: 1-0 Trenter (71')

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano 7, A. McShaw 7 (Bruce 83'), Trenter 8, O'Connor 8, Sounness 8, Stevenson 8, Watson 6, Barnes 8, Campbell 7, T. Smith 6, Silva 7.

SUTHERLAND: Craggs 9, Woods 8, Wykes 7, R. Smith 8, Dalforno 8, Schumann 8, C. Hall 7, P. Smith 6, Beggs 7, Basterfield 6, Murphy 6 (Watkins 70').

Playing in its own half for most of the match, Sutherland surprised the Philips League giants, Sydney City, by holding them at bay for more than an hour, before losing to a 71st minute goal by Mark Trenter.

Phil Craggs, that giant of a goalkeeper, took the best shots Sydney City could throw at him, but could not stop a well-measured header from Terry Smith that led to the only goal of the game.

John Stevenson took the corner from the right side, floating the ball to the near post and Smith rose above Sutherland's defence to glide the ball under the crossbar. Craggs could not stop the ball but it bounced off the crossbar to the feet of Trenter, who had no trouble in pushing the ball over the line.

That goal was enough to see Sydney City through to the semi-finals. They played the week but the overall performance by the Philips League outfit failed to impress, with the exception of the opening 15 minutes.

City opened the game at a furious pace and could easily have scored a couple of goals very early.

Ernie Campbell combined well with Smith to cut through the Sutherland defence, before crossing the ball to the far post for Silva to blast the ball wide and high. However, under pressure from Warren Woods, but could have done better, considering that he was only metres away from an open goal.

With only eight minutes gone Silva missed again, following a good header by Smith only a couple of minutes later. City missed its best chance of the first half. Murray Barnes ran past Woods before crossing the ball to the far post for Smith to head wide from only five metres.

Far too many times did I see those high balls pumped into Sutherland's penalty area in the hope that either Smith or Barnes would get at the end of it. Instead, Craggs, Dalforno and Schumann had a field day, dealing effectively with the City attack.

Attempting to punch holes in the middle, City often lost possession in midfield, which led to rare but dangerous Sutherland counter-attacks. Unable to score, City players were further frustrated after the bookings of Ian Sounness and Barnes in quick succession.

Sounness fouled Beggs in the 29th and Barnes charged at Craggs two minutes later, giving Doug Rennie two very good reasons to use the yellow card.

Silva almost made amends for his earlier miss by hitting a great first-time volley in the 37th minute, which was headed by Craggs but unfortunately hit the crossbar.

Almost from the restart, Sutherland could have scored. Craig Hall pounced onto a loose ball in midfield, and ran some 30 metres before attempting to beat Pessano. However the young Socorro seemed to have the ball on the wrong foot and the shot did not present Pezzano with any trouble.

Soon City was on top again but couldn't penetrate until the 71st minute. Craggs made numerous saves, while Dalforno and Schumann covered well to blot out Smith and Barnes.

It was left to Silva and Watson to attempt to penetrate on the wings, but unfortunately for City, Joe and Hilton just couldn't fire.

Sutherland fought well and did well to lose by the slenderest of margins, and could have surprised the new Cup favourites only two minutes after being a goal down. A shot by Beggs was deflected in the 73rd minute and Pezzano was well beaten, but Alan Karshaw was on the spot to clear the ball off the goal-line.

The last chance fell to the winners in the 86th minute. The replacement fullback, Ian Bruce, crossed the ball to unmarked Barnes at the edge of the penalty area. Barnes wasted no time in heading the ball into the path of Smith who blasted the ball wide with time and space to spare.



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# Honeyman, Hayes the danger men

The South Australian Ampol Cup final has developed into a promoter's dream.

Philips Soccer League champions West Adelaide confront Croatia, the State's best First Division club, at Hindmarsh Stadium on Friday night.

The final has all the trimmings of a needle match. Croatia, the only unbeaten side of the competition, have already beaten West, although that was West's second-string team, and the PSL champions are determined to avenge that defeat.

Croatia will certainly find West a much different proposition on Friday night but the PSL champions cannot afford to underestimate them.

West coach **Tom Forde** is aware of the dangers. "Of course we don't underestimate them," he said forcefully. "We don't underestimate any team."

"We haven't forgotten that they have already beaten us." Forde is expected to field his strongest side. The only player who will be missing from the championship team is **Dave Pillans** who is being rested.

Although Croatia have played brilliantly during the tournament, I can't see them stopping West again.

West played with only four of their PSL squad in their first meeting and last Monday night they showed they were in deadly form with a clinical 3-1 victory over arch-rivals Adelaide City.

If there were any weaknesses in West's game they were not apparent. For the first time in the competition, the defence looked water tight, their midfield dominated and their attack had a lot of bite.

An ominous sign for Croatia was the performance of **Graham Honeyman** who despite playing only 10 minutes showed that five months in Scotland during the off season has made him razor sharp.

But Croatia have their stars, too. In particular **Terry Hayes**, their leading goalscorer with four goals, and **John Pope**, who will be closely marked.

Midfielder **Ian Bendall** is an extremely efficient player and will probably have the job of cutting **Peter Boyle** from the game.



## South Australian Ampol Cup

WEST ADELAIDE 3 ADEL. CITY 2

Scorers: Jones (West) 16, Branic (West) 21, McCulloch (West) 24, Perin (City) 41.  
Cautions: McGregor, Bozanic, McGahey, Boyle (West). Muniz (City).  
Sent off: Zervas (West).  
Referee: Paul Smallman.

WEST: Crook 7, Bozanic 8, Reynolds 7, McGahey 7 (Honeyman), Kambas 7, Jones 7, Boyle 8 (Dooley), McCulloch 7, Norris 7, Zervas 7, McGregor 7.  
CITY: Marshall 6 (Migliaccio), Russell 7, Nykohus 7, Basir 7 (Northcote), Lister 6, Malta 6, Muniz 7, Marwe 6, Perin 7, J. Nykohus 7, Isello 8.

West Adelaide crushed Adelaide City 3-1 in a thoroughly efficient performance to grab an Ampol Cup final spot.

West clinched the match in an eight-minute burst midway through the first during which they scored all three goals and Adelaide City had little hope of retaliating from that position.

The PSL champions clearly deserved their success and it was evident from that start that they had recaptured last season's sparkle.

It was the first time this summer that West's virtual PSL line-up played together. The only man missing was **Dave Pillans** who will play in the PSL, according to coach **Tom Forde**.

Adelaide City, were below strength with **Dale Deans** sus-

pended. Gary Marocchi and Brian Northcote (he came on late in the game) the most notable absences.

Adelaide City's Sergio Malta made his sole contribution to the match in the fifth minute with a close-range shot which **Martin Crook** saved.

After surviving this moment of anxiety, West took a grip on the game and opened up a one-goal lead in the 16th minute.

Ian McGregor sent a pin-point cross to the goal-mouth and David Jones was on the spot to power the ball past **Peter Marshall** with a brilliant header.

Five minutes later **Vic Bozanic** made it 2-0 with a twice-taken free kick.

Bozanic struck a precise 25-metre shot which hit the crossbar and rocketed into the net with **Marshall** struck on his goal line.

However West saved their best for the 24th minute and the hero was mercurial **Peter Boyle**.

The tigerish Scot extricated himself from a tight spot near the left hand corner flag and crossed to the near post where **Graham Honeyman** flicked it with his head to the far post for **Gordon McCulloch** to lash it into the roof of the net.

Adelaide City fought back in the first minute after half time with a penalty kick.

Aggie Muniz was brought down and **Perin** blasted the penalty beyond the reach of **Crook**.

The goal gave City a ray of hope and they caused West plenty of anxious moments although they had to rely on long-range shots.

Bugy Nykohus came perilously close with a 55th shot which just sailed over the bar and seven minutes later **Brian Northcote**, who had come on moments earlier, flicked a glorious shot just

wide of target with **Crook** beaten.

West suffered a set-back eight minutes later when referee **Paul Smallman** set off **Alex Zervas** for a rough tackle on John Perin.

Zervas was later suspended for one match.

Two of the second half substitutes **Graham Honeyman** (West) and **Brian Northcote** (City) showed during their brief time on the ground that they will be the key to their sides' ambitions this season.

**Honeyman** in particular looks better than he did last season while **Northcote**, who has only just recovered from a nose operation will be a formidable opponent.

With **Deans**, **Nykohus** and new signing **Chris Kent** likely to form the forward line, **Rale Rasic** will probably play Northcote in midfield as a destroyer.

Meanwhile **Robert Marwe's** future seems clouded.

He played three games in the Cup and scored twice (both against Azzurri within a minute) and simply hasn't looked as if he could destroy a defence.

But **Rasac** could well bring out his hidden qualities which previous coach **Les Scheinflug** failed to do.

Malta is another who is playing on borrowed time and 1979 could well be a made-or-break year for him.

On the credit side, **Rasac** has found a bright star in defender **Bobby Russell** who played impressively against West.

Striker **Ron Isello** is another who should be making headlines this season after being in and out of the Juventus side since his debut in 1969.

CROATIA 3 AZZURRI 2.

Scorers: Smythe (Azzurri) 6, Pope (Croatia) 16, Bendall (Croatia) 34, Lesan (Azzurri) 66, Harrow (Croatia) 73.  
Crowd: 2,000.

Cautions: Bendall, Rogosic (Croatia), Alder, Moschis (Azzurri).  
Referee: Nilo Rosetto 5.

CROATIA: Pryzbylski 7, Holland 7, Kotlar 7, Toth 7, Williams 6, Bendall 7, Pope 8, Harrow 7, Rogosic 6, Thompson 7, Hayes 7.  
AZZURRI: Metanowski 6, Michelson 6, Moschis 6, Marvaic 7, Affede 7, (Barone), Alder 7, Innace 7, Lesan 7, White 6 (Isorfini), Manclov 7, Smythe 8.

Croatia surged into the Ampol Cup final with a dramatic 3-2 win over Azzurri in a tense semi-final.

Croatia, the only unbeaten side in the tournament, deserved their success although Azzurri stretched them.

In fact, Azzurri opened the scoring in the sixth minute when skilful winger **Vic Smythe** slammed a glorious shot past **Jack Pryzbylski** from 20 metres.

Azzurri, moving the ball around the field crisply, were worth their lead but they could hold it for only 10 minutes.

Croatia drew level when **John Pope** snapped up an accurate left wing cross and smashed it past **Metanowski** from a tight angle.

The match developed into a stalemate for the next 15 minutes with neither side able to take a firm grip.

However, they did have their chances.

Smythe came close with an angled drive which flew past the far post and moments later **Terry Hayes** cracked a scizzling shot

which **Metanowski** couldn't hold.

Croatia went ahead for the first time six minutes before half time with a superb goal.

Pope hit a powerful right-wing cross to the far post and **Ian Bendall**, left unmarked, headed into the far corner.

Smythe nearly retaliated for Azzurri right on half time but this close-range header was blocked by a defender.

The second half was marked by some spiteful play and referee **Nilo Rosetto** had his hands full.

But Rosetto did not make things easier with some terrible decisions (or lack of them) and the match quickly deteriorated.

However, in between the pushes and handballs which went undetected, both goalkeepers had plenty to keep them active.

**Ben Rogosic** had the first chance of the half in the 60th minute when he burst through the centre but **Metanowski** foiled the attempt.

Six minutes later Azzurri equalised from a free kick.

Smythe sent the ball crashing against the bar and **Zjelko Lesan** pounced onto it, chested it down and slotted it into an open goal for the equaliser.

Extra time seemed certain as both sides tightened up their defences but Croatia found a gap in the 83rd minute and exploited it.

**Charlie Harrow**, who had not scored in the competition, did the damage when he headed brilliantly into the far corner.

Azzurri, although it fought desperately for another equaliser, could not crack Croatia's defence although Smythe could have got another but shot straight at **Pryzbylski** in the final minute.

Although Azzurri played brilliantly at times, there was no doubt that the better side had qualified for the final.

# Harding's Toongabbie down 0-5

TOONGABBIE 0 NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 5 (Harris 2, Summerscales, Curran, Senkalski), practice match at Toongabbie.

Newcastle team: Dando (Preston) — Willis, Summerscales (Sneddon), Drinkwater, Curran — McClelland (Senkalski), Sedden (Mason), Jones (Tredinnick) — Hayes, Boden Harris, McBrean (Endacott).

Socceroo **Dave Harding** and striker **Alan Fisher** of Western Suburbs played for Toongabbie in this match, but the Sydney team was no match for Newcastle, which was preparing for its Prime Minister's Cup clash with Canberra.

The Newcastle v Canberra match takes place at the Newcastle Sports Centre on Sunday at 2.30 pm.

Canberra won the PM's Cup 2-0 on a one-match tie last year. This time the Cup will be contested home and away, with the return leg set for the end of the season.

Newcastle coach **Alan Vest** tried out two new players against Toongabbie — Scottish goalkeeper **Jim Preston** from Queen's Park and forward **Kelth Harris** from Northern NSW Second Division club Westlakes.

Harris did very well, scoring two of the goals. **Peter Willis** and **Malcolm McClelland** were also impressive.

NOTE: Edited highlights of the Prime Minister's Cup matches will be shown on Canberra's CTC7 on Monday night.



Former international Dave Harding — signed by Toongabbie

# Canberra debut for Mike Smith

CANBERRA CITY 2 (Aquero 74th, Byrne 80th) BRISBANE CITY 2 (Kelso 22nd & 82nd), PSL practice game, Bruce Stadium.

Weather: 32 deg. and humid  
Referee: Ken Allen  
CANBERRA: Hoszowski — Kawalewa, Selgasko, Starke, Rless — Farrell, Aquero, Davies, Grilic (Lustica) — Bailey (Talevski), Byrne.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart — Rathmell, Perry, Retcliffe, Potter — Echeverria, Plimblett, Gaffney — Low, Kelso, Caldwell. Subs: Coyne, Runja.

Canberra coach **Vic Fernandez** said he was pleased with his young team's performance in the heat and humidity, considering regulars **Mike Milovanovic**, **Steve Hogg**, **Danny Moulis**, **Brian Stoddart**, and **Jim Cant** were still out and import **Mike Smith** was used only in the last five minutes.

Smith, 24, a sweeper from Stoke City, arrived only on Friday.

In the first half, Brisbane City looked solid and played better as a team and deserved its 1-0 half-time lead, achieved through a goal by **Berry Kelso** who lobbed Steve Hoszowski from 30 metres.

Shots by **George Bailey** and **Terry Bryne** (Canberra) and **Kelso** hit the bar in the first half.

**Joe Aquero**, 18, equalised in the 74th minute, drawing out goalkeeper **Kim Wishart** before slipping the ball into the net.

Then **John Davies** took on **Steve Perry**, and side-footed the ball to **Byrne** who put Canberra 2-1 ahead.

But Brisbane City equalised only two minutes later when **Kelso** beat **Hoszowski** with a header. — PETER WINDSOR.

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# TV coverage must improve

**The Philips League must take maximum advantage of television coverage of games in 1979.**

*The O-10 network has at last agreed to continue covering the league's games, but only after much hesitation by the TV station.*

The Philips League cannot afford to lose its television outlet which is so vital to its own image and so important to its sponsors.

One of the major attractions to the club sponsors is the advertising they get from the televised games.

Dunlop, Alitalia, JAT Airlines, Tooth and Co., the various car companies and even Philips itself, would not be at all pleased to lose television exposure.

To lose these sponsors would be a disastrous blow at this stage of the league's development.

Although O-10 has hesitantly agreed to go ahead again this year, television stations, ever conscious of ratings, have been known to cancel programs suddenly.

The number one priority facing the league and the O-10 network is to bring more drama and atmosphere to the televised games.

One way to do this would be to stop putting the cameras on the main stands at Bruce Stadium in Canberra, the International Sports Centre, in Newcastle and Olympic Park in Adelaide.

It may be more convenient to film from the roof of the stands, but it is disastrous for the television viewer who gets only a view of the empty or half empty terraces on the other side of the field.

Most of the spectators are in the stand, but we seldom see them.

Even a 15,000 crowd at Newcastle shrinks to total insignificance on television because of this problem.

The cameras need to be continually picking up the crowd in the background.

Then the sound recordists must make sure that they hear the noise that they are making.

It is amazing how the presence of spectators and their noise brings atmosphere and tension into your living room via the television set.

It is just as alarming how the absence of them can dampen even the best game of televised soccer.

The league must also endeavor to stop inept commentators being used for the televised games.

Some of these people, too men in their own specialised field, usually newspapers, do not handle this medium well because of lack of familiarity with it.

The league cannot afford to let them gain experience on the job, because their chances to do commentary work are too sporadic and it would take them years to become expert commentators.

One man, or at most two should be used. These men should be proven experts with a knowledge of soccer and television commentary.

Australians watch top televised soccer from overseas and set their standards accordingly. They will not tolerate

**MIKE JOHNSON**

ate low-standard coverage, and why should they?

For soccer to win more spectators and for the O-10 network to gain better ratings for its soccer show, it must do something about this problem.

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Our huge playing pitches do not enhance soccer as a spectacle on television.

Big pitches tend to produce a slow game, with much of the activity in the middle of the field.

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Recently I spoke with the groundsman at Barton Park, St George BSC's new stadium in Sydney.

He proudly pointed to the huge playing area which he said was 130 yards long by 80 yards wide.

The maximum soccer pitch size allowed is 130 yards x 100 yards, and many of our

fields such as Melbourne's Middle Park, Sydney's Sports ground and those mentioned previously approach this size.

These fields are far too big for our warm climate and for part time players.

They often produce slow motion soccer that can be fatal for television.

Contrast the size of the pitches in London: Highbury (home of Arsenal) 110 x 71 yards; Upton Park (West Ham) 110 x 70; White Hart Lane (Spurs) 110 x 73; Shepherd's Bush (Queens Park Rangers) 110 x 72.

These pitches are used by full time professionals playing in a cool climate and they produce the goalmouth excitement that has made English television programs such as the 'Big Match' and 'Match of the Day' become watched by huge audiences throughout the world.

Soccer in Australia needs to win a mass audience.

It can do this if it can entertain uncommitted people.

Success on television is now the number criterion for a mass-audience sport.

The Philips League bosses have many problems on their plate, but they cannot afford to give television of their games the low priority it has received to date.

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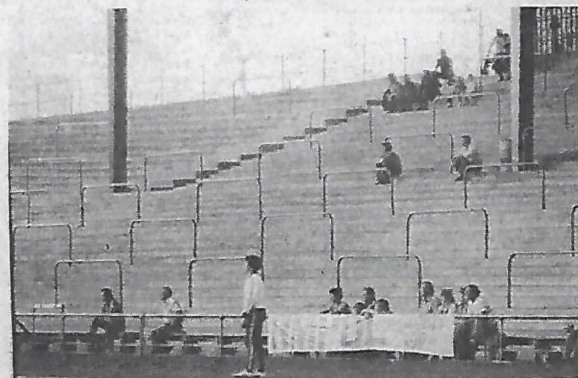
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Television sustains Aussie Rules in Melbourne and Adelaide and Rugby League in Sydney and Brisbane.

Soccer must start to try and match their televised product or it will forever live in their shadow.



A crowd shot from a Philips League game. The flags and the cheering create a great atmosphere but the Philips Top Soccer programme on ATVO rarely includes shots of this section of the crowd.



Because of the positioning of cameras in the main grandstand, the backdrop during a game on Philips Top Soccer is often of empty terracing

## LIONS' HUGHES INVADES CHINA

By BRUCE WADDELL

**Queensland's leading striker in the Philips Soccer League last season, Scotsman Alan Hughes, has returned to Brisbane after spending the off-season playing in Hong Kong.**

Hughes played with Caroline Hill, the club who bought defender Alan Venables from Brisbane Lions at the end of last season.

Upon his return, Hughes signed a further one-year contract with Brisbane Lions, meaning he has been with the club since the PSL began in 1977.

Hughes was in outstanding form in Hong Kong, scoring 10 of the 15 goals produced by Caroline Hill during his stay.

The highlight of his trip was a tour with Caroline Hill to the People's Republic of China.

Caroline Hill defeated a representative Canton side 1-0 and Hughes was the goal scorer.

Hong Kong officials could not recall the last time a European scored a goal on Communist China soil.

Hughes last year scored 10 goals in the PSL which included a hat-trick against Sydney City, and for most of the year was used mainly as a midfielder.

Lions also announced this week that they had signed State goalkeeper Nigel Lownds for a further three years.

Lownds was due to return to England at the end of this season, but at the age of 21, intends to stay and press for inclusion in the National team.

The return of Hughes means Lions have completed their PSL signings for this year.

Last week Lions signed two more strikers — Craig Wallace and Ian Steele.

Wallace was bought from Brisbane City, where he had trouble cementing a regular place in the team.

But Wallace obviously has been a different proposition under Lions player-coach Eddie Spearritt.

Steele was a former Lions player in pre-PSL days, but last season played with Mt. Gravatt in the Brisbane First Division. Last season he won the Rothman's Medal.

It is surprising he has decided to switch clubs at this stage, as Mt. Gravatt is involved in the New State League competition to start in Queensland on March 31.

Back in the Lions squad after a season on loan with Ipswich United is powerful youngster Ian Lawrie, who Spearritt has been grooming for a fullback position, following George Potter's transfer to Brisbane City.

Lions are due to open their PSL campaign against Sydney City at Perry Park on Sunday, March 11. But the match will probably be brought forward to Friday night, March 9, because of Sydney City's involvement in

the New South Wales Ampol Cup.

Lions team for the opening match is shaping up something like: Nigel Lownds; Ian Lawrie, Col Bennett, Jim Steverson, Alan Niven; Steve Amos, Eddie Spearritt, Alan Hughes, Paul Ontong, Barrie Fairbrother, Ian Steele. Reserves — Rod McKenzie, Graham Wilson, Johnny Ogden, Craig Wallace.



Alan Hughes



George Potter



Nigel Lownds covers a low shot.

## Night for the champions



Gary Marocchi

**Adelaide City is promoting a "night of champions" at its Olympic Sports Field club rooms on March 3 from 7.30 pm.**

Adelaide City players past and present will be honored at the function.

An Australian soccer photo gallery will also be unveiled.

Sydney photographer

Anton Cermak donated 50 prints for the display.

Meanwhile Adelaide City and New Zealand international, Glen Dodds have parted company.

Dodds trained with Adelaide City during the summer

months, but in the end, the club decided not to sign him after all.

Socceroo Gary Marocchi who captained Australia against Greece in Melbourne last year, is in full training following his ankle and cartilage operation.

Similarly, Fred Yung is back in action after his cartilage operation.

## Peters' visit to be cut short?

**The visit of former England international Martin Peters to Victorian club Frankston City may be shortened because of an extension to the English season.**

Currently, there is a backlog of over 300 games in Britain, and authorities may be forced to extend the season into June.

Peters was expected in Australia around May 9 for a five-week stay.

Peters' club Norwich City has a big fixture pile up, meaning the former Spurs and West Ham star will be needed by his club past May 9.

Peters' first game for Frankston City would have

been against Croydon City at McClelland Drive, Frankston.

"Even if he only comes for one week, he'll be coming," said Frankston City secretary Les Smith.

The major obstacle for Frankston is Peters' desire to be back in England in enough time to have a complete break from soccer in preparation for the 1979-80 English season.

If Peters did have to shorten his trip, he wouldn't bring his family out with him. — Kyle Patterson.

## AND SOON A SOCIAL CLUB

**Victorian Provisional League club Sunbury Utd. has had its ground at Langama Park fully flooded.**

And now the club is planning to build a social club at the ground.

The floodlights will be used extensively, and Sunbury hopes to play several night games during the season. Work on the social club will

commence at the end of 1979 if negotiations go as scheduled.

Fred Brooks has been reappointed coach of Sunbury with Mick Gilligan as his assistant.

Brooks, on a recent trip to New Zealand, attended a coaching course at Massey University.

He holds a senior badge in the Australian coaching scheme, and is a staff coach under Victorian Director Len McKendry.

Sunbury has several players likely to be signed by the club. They are: Mick Borg (ex-Green Gully), Alan Blackley and David Clarke (ex-Melbourne).

But Brooks is still looking for a midfielder and a forward to boost his side.

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# 40 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE



● Hakoah's 1961 team perhaps the finest yet seen in Australian soccer, from left: ball boy Gerry Lissing, G. Chaldi, H. Wenzl, B. Blutsch, J. Aird, A. Handorf, W. Mach, R. Levy, R. Kearns, P. Hmcir, K. Jares, R. Neal.

By PETER SCOTT

Quality, enterprise and imaginative administration have long characterised Sydney Hakoah, traits which are expected to be retained now that this famous club has changed its identity and become Sydney City.

Established in 1939 by a group of Jewish refugees from Nazism in Austria and Germany, later joined by equally fanatical soccer lovers from Hungary and Czechoslovakia, Hakoah was named after its famous Viennese namesake.

Hakoah Wien was for many years one of the outstanding soccer teams of the Continent, with many championships and international successes to its credit.

With the flight of European Jewry, the club's traditions spread all over the world, with Hakoah clubs established in North and South America, Asia and Australia.

Hakoah teams have won national championships in the USA and Israel and, of course, Australia.

The Sydney club's humble beginnings, which eventually led to the pinnacle of soccer in this country, were at Rushcutters Bay and Queens Park in the eastern suburbs, where they fielded a team in a business houses competition.

The club was led during these early pioneering days

first by Karl Raymond and later by Sigi Duker.

And who were the members of the first squad in 1939? L. Adler, K. May, A. Ert, A. Landman, A. Hammerman, J. Ackerman, W. Gross, C. May, J. Harris, A. Hillman, P. May, B. Model, D. Meisner and A. Jaffe.

Those were days of struggle and hardship, with most of Hakoah's immigrant players having trouble getting away from their jobs on Saturdays in time for the kick-off.

Hakoah's early activities were nipped in the bud with the outbreak of World War II.

The life and death struggle against the totalitarian menace saw most of the club's members enlist in the armed forces, while the others formed wartime teams in conjunction with local Greek and Italian settlers, playing occasional matches against Australian servicemen's teams.

There was even an international flavour to these fixtures, with several Hakoah players taking part in a memorable match against an ac-

complished team of Royal Navy crewmen from Britain.

Hakoah was reborn on a properly organised basis after the war, when two teams were entered in the Sydney Metropolitan League.

The new president of the club was Dr G. Goldberg (1946), later succeeded by Hans Klinit, Henry Strykowski and Fritz Weiss.

Successes on the field led to promotion into Second Division, serving first notice on the soccer authorities that Hakoah was to become a power in Aussie soccer.

Being president at that time had its onerous side, such as collecting the dirty gear after each match and taking it home for the club's "first lady" to wash — and there were no washing machines to do the work, either.

But involvement with the club had its rewards too, in the form of companionship and a strong team spirit, which could serve as an example to many of today's pampered stars, here and overseas.

Most of the Hakoah social life centred around a rumpus room in the back of a private cottage in Penkivil Street, Bondi — a far cry from today's multi-million dollar premises at Hall Street.

Hakoah's successes multiplied on the playing field. Having won Second Division,

the Jewish club was promoted into the top grade of the Metropolitan League — followed by the big breakthrough of 1954.

In that year Hakoah was accepted into the Southern League of the NSW Soccer Association and was led into a new era by a new president, Adi Ert.

Unwittingly, the NSW Association also sowed the seeds of its own destruction by this move.

The "establishment" had a tight grip on the administration of the game in NSW, with a strict rule of no promotion from or relegation to the Southern League, which was in effect the Second Division of the State League.

In 1954 Sydney Austral won the Southern League, followed by Prague in 1955 and finally Hakoah in 1956.

By that time Austral and Prague were, somewhat begrudgingly, accepted into the State League.

Hakoah trounced Manly 5-0 in the Southern League

grand final but was denied the opportunity to advance into the higher grade.

Incensed by the Association's decision, Hakoah president Walter Sternberg and other leading members of the Blue-and-White outfit were instrumental in the formation of the breakaway NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs, which revolutionised the game in Australia.

Those were heady days, with Hakoah hitting the front from the start by winning the pre-season Kennard Cup competition (later to become the Ampol Cup) in 1957.

Honor followed honor from then on, Hakoah capturing the Ampol Cup, Federation Cup, premierships and championships, Interstate Ampol Cup, two Australia Cup competitions and the State Cup through the years.

Its greatest achievement was in 1968, when the Jewish club set a record which will be hard to equal.

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## New image, greater progress

SYDNEY City Soccer Club faces a big job in selling its new identity to the Australian sports public, the club's vice-president and soccer director, Andrew Lederer, said this week.

However, he sees the decision in favour of the change as just another symptom of the club's tradition of progressive planning for the future.

"In 1979 we aim to continue to progress and not rest on our laurels. The name change imposes an additional burden on our organisation — quite apart from doing well on the field of play," Lederer said.

"Hakoah has always played a leading role in the evolution of Australian soccer."

It was in this tradition that our president, Frank Lowy, with his usual determination and drive, was involved in the establishment of the FSL from its inception.

Lederer said that when Hakoah's membership decided to change its name to Sydney City "it was not intended that we would lose our devotion and loyalty to Hakoah in any way."

"The decision was taken because it was felt this would open the gate to more progress," he emphasised.

The Board of Directors considered that with Sydney City as our name we would be able to attract additional supporters with ethnic backgrounds, as well as the fair dinkum Aussies who are interested in soccer.

Regardless of the name of the club, we are all Australians and want to play as big a part as possible in integrating all nationalities."

Lederer acknowledged that merely changing the



Andrew Lederer

team's name will not secure the results Sydney City is looking for.

"The biggest job ahead of us is to sell this name to the public and this is why we have appointed Johnny Warren as our public relations manager."

The Sydney City vice-president described Warren as Australia's "Mr Soccer", who has devoted his life to the game.

He expressed confidence in Warren's ability but immediately indicated the size of the task facing the former Soccer captain by announcing that the club's directors wish to have the number of supporters doubled or even tripled.

"Warren will help us in making Sydney City a household word in Australia," Lederer said.

The vice-president firmly believes that the Blue-and-Whites will produce the "goods" once again this year.

"We will field an excellent team under the tutelage of our tried and proven coach Gerry Chaldi; what is more, Sydney City will play the most attractive soccer in the country."

"A team carrying our city's name will have to live up to Sydney's reputation as the premier city of this land," Lederer said. — PETER SCOTT

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# Marnoch and Baartz stars of brilliant 1968 line-up

From page 7

In that memorable 1968 season Hakoah won every trophy for which it competed — the Ampol Cup, the Interstate Ampol Cup, league premiership, league championship and the Australia Cup.

For good measure, the Australia Cup final was fought out against Melbourne Hakoah, keeping the affair "in the family".

The stars of Hakoah's magnificent 1968 achievements were Ian Hillsdon, Alan Marnoch, Ray Baartz, Peter Fuzes and Robert Fekete.

They were coached to their triumphs for former English international Doug Holden, who was earlier a brilliant left-winger with Hakoah.

The quality of that team was the natural succession to the standards set from the late fifties.

While Hakoah was formed as a vehicle for providing an outlet for the sport instincts of young Jews in Sydney, with characteristic single-mindedness the Blues' leadership set about building a top flight professional team as they advanced up the ladder of success.

Walter Sternberg, Ben Nathan, Karl Rodny, Maurice Pozniak and Sam Flanagan were the men at the helm during these years of triumph and constant struggle to improve.

Under Sternberg's guidance the foundations were laid for the greatest boom in



Unveiling the foundation stone of Hakoah's multi-million dollar club complex in 1973: (from left) NSW Minister for Consumer Affairs and club patron Sid Einfeld, club president Frank Lowy and the former president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry and director of the club, the late Louis Klein.

Australian soccer, when — in association with Prague and Sydney Austral — a group of brilliant professional soccer players were enticed from Austria, Holland and Israel to play with the Sydney clubs.

These actions led to Australia's suspension from FIFA but also launched the greatest boom soccer has ever had — or is likely to have — in this land.

Tens of thousands flocked to first-class matches each week attendance records were broken with monotonous regularity and on one memorable occasion a floodlit Ampol Cup double-header in Sydney saw some two dozen first division Eu-

ropean players paraded by the four teams between them.

Hakoah was in the thick of things, fielding in 1961 and 1962 what was arguably the best club side yet seen in Australia.

It included Scottish World Cup star Jock Aird, Austrian ball artists such as Victor Mach, Heinz Wenzl, Adolf Blutsch, Peter Hrnclir and Karl Jaros, brilliant Israelis Rafi Levy and Gerry Chaldi, one of the best Australian players ever produced in Ray "Whoopie" Neal and the unsung but nonetheless first rate half back, New Zealand international Ron Kearns.

And there were more to

come through the years, such as Heinz Dolzal from Austria, Matt Woods from the English First Division, Leo Baumgartner and Herb Ninaus who transferred to the Blues after first making their mark with Prague.

In an outward-looking policy, Hakoah also established strong links with out neighbours in New Caledonia, paying two visits to the French island and bringing over two of their players, Mark Biciw and Marcel Atous, to improve their soccer by playing against Australia's very best.

Atous, in particular, performed well, becoming a reliable member of the all-conquering 1968 squad. One should not forget big Billy Hume from New Zealand, or former British stars Trevor and David Edwards. Then there was Scottish striker Jim Christie and Brazilian wizard Aggie Muniz.

The list is almost endless. While by this time the original ideal of an all-Jewish team was an impossibility, several outstanding Jewish players — apart from the two Israelis — played in Hakoah colors.

Former Hungarian First Division star with MTK Budapest, Jules Forgas, played a prominent part in early Federation successes.

On the other hand Peter Fuzes and Robert Fekete came to prominence through the club's junior ranks.

Fuzes went on to become Australia's goalkeeper against Scotland in the late sixties, but the undoubted favourite of Hakoah fans was — and still remains to this day — Robert Fekete.

Quiet and unassuming, he virtually had to be pushed into the first team, taking the place of the great Leo Baumgartner, but then went on to a long and distinguished career which was prematurely ended by an accident at work.

Prominent and capable coaches were in charge of Hakoah's efforts through the years, such as the first full-time manager ever to be employed by an Australian club, Jack Gibbons, George Azopardi, Australia's first World Cup supreme Tiko Jelissavicz, the earlier mentioned Doug Holden, Karl Jaros and Matt Woods, to name some of them.



Hakoah of 1948, standing from left: G. Przywosnik, J. Kohn, N. Wiesner, F. Loew, S. Berger, B. Miller, E. Goldstein, J. Feuerstein. Front: W. Pisk, B. Jacoby, D. Franklin.



The all-conquering 1968 squad, from left, back row: J. Stewart, P. Fuzes, A. Marnoch, J. Wilson, R. Baartz, Jock, McGrory (gear master). Middle row: Fritz Weiss (team manager), R. Fekete, R. Gardner, D. Yaeger, M. Atous, D. Holden (coach). Front: R. Edmonds, D. Keddie, G. Barnett, I. Hillsdon, K. Jones.



The quality that characterised Hakoah. Matt Woods (centre) of Blackburn Rovers welcomed at Sydney Airport by some famous Hakoah team mates (from left) Jock Aird, Victor Mach, Herb Ninaus and Len Quested.

In more recent times the coaching position was also surrounded by considerable controversy, especially when David MacLaren — now with South Melbourne — was in charge.

MacLaren chalked up great successes, but they were interspersed with failures, which Hakoah's finicky fans always found hard to tolerate.

Gerry Chaldi took over the reins in mid 1976 — soon after returning from Israel — and has never looked back since.

He almost immediately transformed a struggling and dispirited team into one that won the State Cup and that was only a preview of greater things to come in the Philips League.

Under his judicious coaching Hakoah won the inaugural national title in 1977 finished runner-up last year and captured the newly conceived "Top Four" championship in 1978.

It is certain that Hakoah now resumed Sydney City, is looking for the continuation of its success story this year.

Some internal administrative dissension which occurred in 1977 has been overcome and the club now runs with smooth professionalism under the watchful eyes of Chaldi, soccer director Andrew Lederer and secretary Harry Lakmaker.

Overall leader is president Frank Lowy, who has held his position since 1970 and was a driving force behind the

establishment of the flourishing social club.

Sydney City, like all other clubs, has its share of problems, not the least of which is the falling off in attendances, in spite of magnificent competitive successes in the past two years.

The new identity, accompanied by a new image, is expected to set things right for the club.

Hakoah never was content to rest on its laurels; indications are that Sydney City will follow the same path — and as the past has proven (a glance at the list of Socceros will confirm this) what is good for Sydney's famous Blue-and-Whites is invariably good for Australian soccer.



The 1974 squad, standing from left: M. Barnes, A. Marnoch, J. Watkiss, M. Coe, G. Lynch, S. Madaschi, N. Porter, R. Fekete, H. Mowbray, T. Schwarz (coach). Front: J. Watson, A. Muniz, T. Morrow, D. MacLaren (manager-coach), A. Lederer (vice-president), J. Fletcher, J. Mackay, W. Rutherford.

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# JOHNNY WARREN looks at the players in Sydney City's senior squad:

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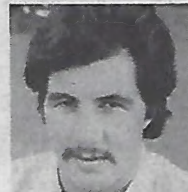


**TODD CLARKE:** 27, born 28.4.51, in Adelaide. Has been with City for three years, helping to win PSL championship in 1977. Rothmans Cup 1976 and PSL grand final 1978. South Australian under 16, under 18, under 21 and full State rep. Has made 35 appearances for the Socceroos and also won Australian under 23 representative honours. Works as a sales rep for club director Howard Lowe. Married to Sally and has one daughter, Tasha, 7.



**TONY PEZZANO:** 18, born 23.10.60, in Sydney. Has been with City for three years, making 15 first-team appearances. A former NSW under 13 and under 16 NSW rep, CHS rep 1977 and 1978, toured North America with the Australian Schoolboys team last year and also played for Australia in the Oceanic World Youth Tournament. Is a student.

## DEFENCE



**KEVIN MULLEN:** 25, born 17.1.54, Sydney. Has been with City for seven years, winning PSL championship in 1977. PSL grand final last year. He was also a member of past Ampol and Rothmans Cup victories. Played for NSW under 16 and under 21 teams, the CHS team and has appeared for the Socceroos. Works as a dispatch clerk for team boss Anrew Lederer at Presto Smallgoods and is still single.



**EDDIE THOMSON:** 31, born 25.2.47, in Rosewell, Midlothian, Scotland. Has been with City two years, helping win the PSL championship in 1977 and the PSL grand final last year. Won three Scottish under 23 caps, one Scottish League cap and was the club's player of the year in 1978. A fully qualified Scottish F.A. coach. Married, wife Pauline and children Steven, 8, and Claire, 5.



**MOZART FONSECA:** 21, born 19.6.57 in Brazil. Has only recently joined the club after Gerry Chaldi saw him playing in Brazil on his off season tour to South America.



**HENRY MOWBRAY:** 31, born 1.5.47 in Hamilton, Scotland. The club captain who has been with City five years, winning many titles including the PSL "double" — champions in 1977 and grand final winners in 1978. Wife Dierdra and daughter Karen, 8. And son Barry, 7. Works for the Department of Navy as a clerk.



**STEVE O'CONNOR:** 24, born 24.11.54 in Sydney and is in his eighth season with the club. Was a member of the side that won the championship in 1977 and the grand final in 1978. Youth honours with the NSW State team and the CHS (Combined NSW High Schools) Has appeared for the combined PSL team and the Socceroos. Is single and a PE Teacher.



**IAN BRUCE:** 23, born 24.3.55, in Aberdeen, Scotland. Recently joined the club from Dundee on the recommendation of Eddie Thomson. Came to Australia with his wife Marilyn and works as a storeman.



**ALAN KERSHAW:** 24, born 23.4.54 in Southport, England and has been with the club two seasons, being a member of both the PSL champion team of 1977 and grand final winners, 1978. Won the Youth Player of the Year when he was with Preston North End. Wife Julie. Works for J. Wedgwood as a storeman.

## MIDFIELD



**IAN SOUNESS:** 20, born 26.1.59 in Hillingdon, London. Joined the club during 1978 and was a key player in the club's grand final win. Won the Australian Press Writers "Under 21 Australian Player of the Year" for 1978 and was selected in the new Socceroo side. Single and a clerk with Presto Smallgoods.



**JIMMY WEBBER:** 19, born 21.8.59 in Sydney. Has been with City four years, winning the club's best under 15 player of the year several seasons ago. Works as a labourer with the Electricity Commission of NSW so that he can devote more time to "make it with City". Single.



**LUIS DIMELO:** 28, born 25.2.50 in Brazil. Six years with the club winning all honours that the team has won during that period. Played first grade with Flamengo in Rio and for Brazil in 1968 Olympics. Works for Qantas and is married to Maria with a five-year-old daughter, Bianca.



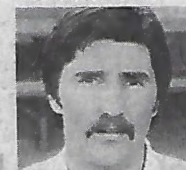
**MARK TRENTER:** 20, born 16.4.58 in Brigand, Wales. Joined the club last year, playing in the PSL grand final winning team. Won an F.A. Youth Cup medal with West Bromwich Albion as well as Welsh Youth cup. Schoolboy Welsh international and also played for the Canadian team during his spell in North America. Works as a dispatch clerk with Isherwood and Dreyfus and is single.



**MURRAY BARNES:** 25, born 16.1.54, in Sydney. Nine years with the club, winning Ampol Cup, Rothmans Cup, PSL championship 1977 and PSL Grand Final 1978. Has 12 Australian full caps, being a regular member of Australia's 1978 World Cup campaign. Married to Sally and is a student at Macquarie University.



**ROBERT YOUSIPH:** 20, born 10.3.58, in Iraq. Joined the club from Marconi this year. With Marconi he won two third grade championships and a second grade championship in 1979. Former CHS, NSW and Australian schoolboy rep. Single. A cost clerk with Trans Company of Australia.



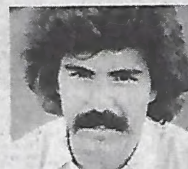
**JOHN STEVENSON:** 25, born 17.6.52 in Scotland. Three years with the club, including Rothmans Cup, PSL championship and grand final wins. Has been selected in recent national teams. Salesman by profession, he is married to Margaret.



**MARCOS SILVA:** 21, born 13.2.57, in Brazil. Another of the club's recently arrived Brazilians of whom Gerry Chaldi is expecting big things this season. Single.



**TERRY SMITH:** 27, born 10.9.51, in Chalfont, England. Former Wests and St. George player who has been with the club for four years. Member of PSL championship winners 1977 and PSL grand final victors last year. Won the championship with St. George in 1974. Single. Is the area sales manager for Josiah Wedgwood.



**ERNE CAMPBELL:** 29, born 20.10.49 in Sydney. Former Socceroo, with 15 full international caps including the 1974 West German finals. Has featured in five grand final wins — two with Apis, two with Marconi and last year's final with Sydney City. Single. Sales rep with Associated Metal Products.



**HILTON SILVA:** Di Melo's brother-in-law and the club's longest serving first grade player, having joined in 1971. As a youngster in Brazil, he appeared in the first team of Vasco de Gama before coming to Australia. Shook off a serious injury some years ago to be better than ever right now and finally received long overdue recognition when chosen to play for the Socceroos against Wisla Krakow recently. Married with a young daughter, he may well be the club's most popular player among the fans.



**NELIO BORGES:** 21, born 31.8.57 in Brazil. The eldest of the Brazilian youths Gerry Chaldi signed. Single.



**JOE WATSON:** 27, born 1.1.52, in St. Andrews, Scotland. In his sixth season with the club, winning the championship in 1973 and 1974, the PSL championship 1977, the PSL grand final 1978 and the Rothmans Cup 1978. The club's Player of the Year in 1974. He and wife Janice, have a son, Kevin, 22 months. A sales clerk with Gunnerson Rosworthy.



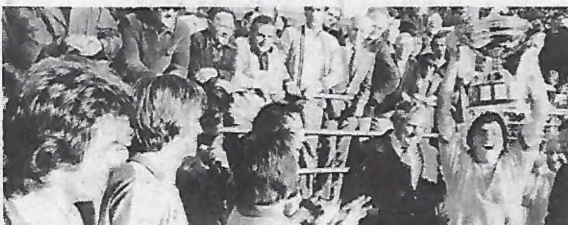
Sydney City's astute coach Gerry Chaldi, who was voted 1978 Coach of the Year.



Harry Lakmaker, hard-working and dedicated secretary of Sydney City.



Mark Trenter (far right) playing for West Brom in the John Osborne testimonial match with, from left: Tony Brown, Cyril Regis and Nobby Stiles.



Triumph in 1976... skipper Henry Mowbray with the NSW State Cup.

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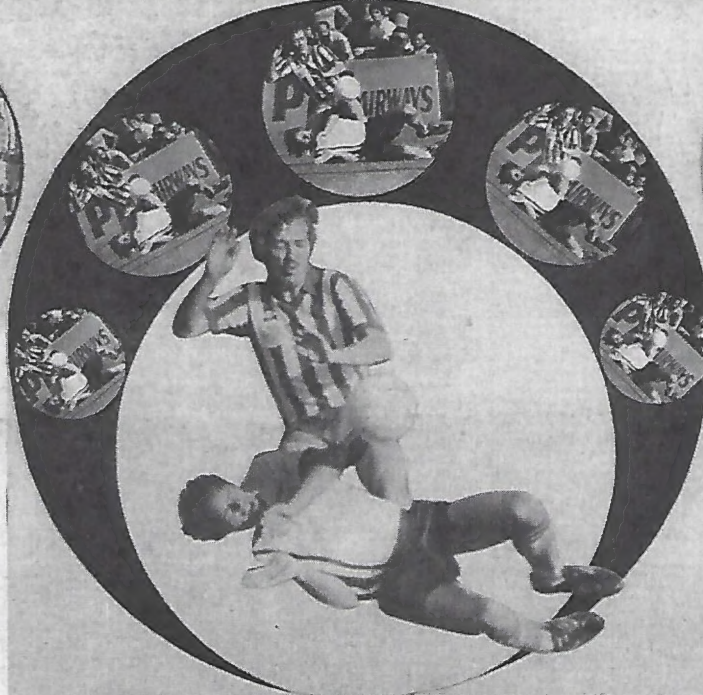
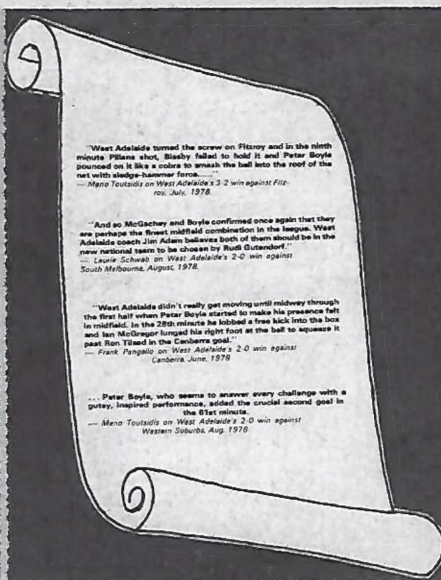
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# BOYLE THE BUGLE



By KYLE PATTERSON

West Adelaide's midfield ace Peter Boyle has dumbfounded opponents and astounded fans with the amount of running he does during a game but his legs are far from being the most over-worked part of his body.

Watch Boyle closely during a game and you'll find it's his jaw that never stops moving!

The 27-year-old Scot, who like many of his countrymen has the gift of the gab, shouts almost non-stop on the field.

"I guess I'm an over-enthusiastic shouter," said Boyle. "It's a natural thing that developed early in my career and it's a very important part of my game."

"It stems from wanting to stay involved, but it also helps my concentration tremendously. It helps me tick over, keeping me in second gear so to speak when I'm not in the play."

The volume at which Boyle shouts could easily overawe or "psyche out" an opponent but this isn't intentional.

"When I was playing with Clyde in the Scottish First Division," said Peter, "we often had large crowds. Rangers and Celtic have big followings and a few other clubs draw fair-sized crowds."

"To make yourself heard in front of a big crowd you have to shout quite loud. I was doing this but never lost the habit of shouting loud when Clyde was relegated to the Second Division and played in front of smaller crowds."

But "Motor Mouth" Boyle has run into trouble with his shouting.

"John Margaritis (coach of Fitzroy Utd, who coached West Adelaide last season) wanted me not to speak on the field," said Peter with a laugh, realising how impossible that would be for him. "He said my shouting was an affliction and I should try to rid myself of it."

Boyle said Margaritis restricted him in other ways.

"John wanted me to play in a particular area of the park," said Peter, "and not venture to any other part of the field. This didn't suit me one bit."

"As for my shouting, John soon found I couldn't stop. I'll admit I sometimes overdo it but it's something that helps me and is part of my make up."

Surprisingly, Boyle rarely gets into trouble with referees because of too much talk.

"I hardly ever direct abuse at a referee," said Boyle. "A player can only lose by disputing decisions and back-chatting referees. In 1978 I was booked three times but only once for dissent."

"I shout at team-mates, giving them advice and spurring them on."

While Margaritis frowned on Boyle's shouting, Wests' championship-winning coach Jim Adam, now coach of APIA, took a completely different view.

"Jimmy encouraged me to do a lot of talking," said Peter. "He also gave me more freedom on the field."

"Jim allowed the players to move as they saw fit within his formation."

Boyle praised Adam who transformed West Adelaide from a mid-table outfit into a powerful league leader.

"We went from strength to strength under Jimmy," said Peter. "He has a deep knowledge of soccer but is excellent at motivation."

• Photographer SAM BELFONTE's pictorial tribute Peter Boyle. He is pictured in action against, from top left: Jim Kondarinos (Footscray), Chris Kalafatis (Sth Melb), Mendo Ristovski (Footscray), Athur McMillan (Fitzroy) and with Bertie Lutton (Sth Melb).

"No matter how badly someone might be playing, Jim would find something in the player's game that he was doing well. He would praise the player for this, which did a tremendous amount to lift and maintain confidence."

"Adam had a way with the players at West Adelaide. You could feel it just prior to a game when Jim would go around to each player and have a quick word. The team would come together, and an incredible spirit was created."

Boyle added Adam had a settling effect on the whole club.

"Jim didn't upset too many people with his style," said Peter. "The club ran very smoothly during the time he was there."

Adam left West Adelaide at the end of last season after contractual disagreements, and has been replaced by Tom Forde.

Boyle believes the arrival of Forde will see West Adelaide develop into a more tactical team.

"From what I've heard," said Peter, "Tom is an excellent coach. I've been training with him only a month, so it's too early for me to analyse his style."

"He's a former Irish international and has had a lot of experience."

Boyle said Wests would start working on tactics within a week.

"Tom has said he will devote a fair amount of time to tactics," said Peter. "Players will know exactly what they are to do and what their team-mates should be doing."

Hakoah (now Sydney City) impresses me as a tactically good team. Each player of Hakoah seems to know what move the other will make."

Boyle said Adam didn't spend too much time on tactics and that Australian soccer was weak in this department.

The agile Scot, prone to tongue-in-cheek humour, was born on March 24, 1951, in a village near Motherwell.

He played with his village team before joining junior club Larkhill Thistle. In his one

season with Larkhill, Boyle scored 40 goals, playing as a striker.

The junior leagues are a step below the Scottish professional ranks and Boyle was obviously ready for the big time.

He joined Clyde, which was then in the Second Division. In his first season with the club, Boyle scored 29 goals as Clyde won the championship and was promoted to play alongside Rangers, Celtic, Hibernian, Aberdeen and the other big Scottish clubs in the First Division.

In his first year in the top flight, Boyle grabbed 20 goals as Clyde hung onto its place in the First Division.

During Boyle's four-year stay with Clyde, he was coached by the late Archie Robertson, for whom he has the greatest admiration.

"I owe all my success to Robertson," said Boyle emphatically. "Everything I have achieved in the game has been due to him. The influence he had on me as a player was great and he laid the foundations of my career in soccer."

Robertson died last year.

Clyde was relegated after its second season in the First Division when the new-style Premier League was introduced.

The top 10 teams qualified for the Premier League but Clyde finished 16th in the 18-team league.

"It was then the rot started at Clyde," said Boyle. "The following season we were relegated from the new First Division to the Second Division and I decided I'd had enough. I wasn't prepared to play in the Second Division."

But Boyle had already decided to quit Scottish soccer two months before the end of his last season there. His brother had been in Australia, shopping around for a club.

Boyle ended up at West Adelaide.

"In Australia I could earn more than in the top Scottish league," said Peter.

But Boyle's introduction to Australia wasn't as smooth as he had hoped. He was unemployed for nine months.

"I place great importance on my profession," said Peter. "I was never a full-time pro in Scotland because I was studying to become a metallurgist."

"I had seen too many pros on the way down with nothing to fall back on. I made up my mind to get a profession to safeguard my future."

Boyle now holds a position with Mason and Cox.

Boyle, in his second year in Australia, has with him his wife Pat and five-year-old daughter Karina.

His switch to midfield came after he joined West Adelaide.

"It was just a case of the team being short of midfielders," said Peter. "I had played in the middle on occasions in Scotland, so I moved into that position for Wests."

"But now I prefer midfield. I like to be involved as much as possible, and midfield is where the action is."

Asked to compare the standards of Australian and Scottish soccer, Boyle said West Adelaide would do well in the Scottish league.

"West Adelaide would finish high in the Scottish First Division," said Boyle. "We play a British style and could match the Scottish sides for skill."

But our endurance wouldn't be as good. A season of heavy grounds, a more physical style and more games would tell on West Adelaide.

"However, the Premier League is still a long way ahead of the Philips League."

At the time we went to Press, Boyle hadn't signed with West Adelaide but hoped to overcome the problem.

"I'm negotiating for a new contract," said Boyle. "The one I signed two years ago has expired, and the club and I are having talks."

"I want to stay with West Adelaide. I have a good job here and I'm enjoying my soccer. Last week we played Adelaide City and were 3-0 up within half an hour. We won 3-1, and played really well. I think West Adelaide can be as strong as we were last season."

In the game against Adelaide City seven players were booked, but Boyle didn't seem to mind that the game was a real battle.

"Players were biting anything that moved," said Boyle with a laugh.

Last season Rale Rasic described West Adelaide as a team of workers. I don't disagree entirely with the statement but if our formula brings success I will not worry. We know our capabilities, and play to our strengths."

I suggested to Boyle he would have a good chance of making the Australian team if he became an Australian citizen.

"I'd love to play for Australia," said Boyle, "but I don't think I've got much chance. If national coach Rudi Gutendorf plans to have a young side, which has been reported, he may overlook me. I'll be 30 by the time the next World Cup comes around."

Selection in the national team would lengthen Boyle's career. At present he plans to play for another three years, then turn to coaching.

"During the close season I gained my senior coach's badge," said Boyle. "I'd like to stay involved with soccer after I retire from playing and coaching would be tremendous."

Whatever happens, we will hear a lot more about the talented Peter Boyle. Go and see West Adelaide when the team is in town, and you'll hear Boyle LOUD and CLEAR!



# The world of soccer... The world of soccer

## Phil Parkes most expensive 'keeper

**LONDON** — Phil Parkes, the Queen's Park Rangers goalkeeper, has signed for West Ham for a fee of about 500,000 sterling (885,000 Aust. dollars).

It makes him the most expensive goalkeeper in British soccer history — the fee is nearly twice as much as Nottingham Forest paid Stoke for Pete Shilton in 1977.

Parkes, 27, made one England appearance, against Portugal in 1973-74. He signed for West Ham at Upton Park last Thursday and made his debut at home to Oldham on Saturday. — AAP

## FRANCIS TO EARN \$177,000 A YEAR

**Trevor Francis, Britain's first million-pound footballer, will earn at least 100,000 pounds (\$177,000 Aust) a year from club soccer.**

He starts the year with a 50,000 pounds (\$88,000) cut of the 1 million pound transfer fee which Nottingham Forest paid Birmingham for him.

Here is a summary of Francis' career so far:

● Trevor John Francis. Born Plymouth on April 19, 1954. His father was a part-time professional with Argyle.

● Hat-trick for Plymouth Schoolboys against Birmingham Boys first drew the attention of Midlands club scouts. Trained with Argyle and Bristol City in turn before joining Birmingham as an amateur on leaving school in September, 1970.

● Scored in his Football League debut — a 1-1 draw with Oxford United on September 12, 1970.

● First under-17 player to score four goals in a League peace-time match when Birmingham beat Bolton 4-0 on February 12, 1971.

● Scored 13 goals in his first 12 first team matches.

● Played his 100th League game on October 27, 1973 against Everton when aged only 19½.

● Turned down 10-year-contract with Birmingham in April, 1971, but later signed one for four years.

● Fined 100 pounds by Birmingham in July, 1976, after being quoted in the Press that he was "not prepared to put up with another relegation battle by Birmingham."

● Fined again by the club (500 pounds) in February, 1978, after newspaper article in which he said he wanted to leave Birmingham.

● In April, 1978 signed for summer season with the American club Detroit Express.

● 1971 and 1972 — member of winning England Youth team in Little World Cup.

● 1974 — Wins first of five under-23 caps, v Poland. Chosen for full England side v Czechoslovakia in October, but forced to withdraw through injury.

1970-71	21 (+ 1 sub)	15
1971-72	39	12
1972-73	31	6
1973-74	37	14
1974-75	23	16
1975-76	35	21
1976-77	42	23
1977-78	42	3
1978-79	9 (+ 1 sub)	5

### UP GO FEES

HOW the record transfer fee has risen:

YEAR	PLAYER	FROM	TO	FEE pounds
1895	J. Crabtree	Burnley	Aston Villa	250
1902	J. McMahon	Preston	Man City	400
1904	A. McComb	Sunderland	Newcastle	700
1905	A. Carrigan	Sunderland	Middlesbrough	1,000
1912	D. Shea	West Ham	Blackburn	2,000
1914	H. Buras	Derby	Man City	2,500
1922	S. Puddfoot	West Ham	Falkirk	5,000
1927	J. Gibson	Partick	Aston Villa	7,500
1928	D. Jacks	Bolton	Arsenal	10,000
1938	B. James	Wolves	Arsenal	14,000
1947	W. Steel	Morton	Derby	15,500
1947	T. Lawton	Chelsea	Notts Co	20,000
1948	L. Shackleton	Newcastle	Sunderland	20,500
1949	J. Morris	Man Utd	Derby	23,850
1949	E. Dwyer	Sheffield W	Preston	25,500
1950	T. Ford	Aston Villa	Sunderland	30,000
1951	J. Sewell	Notts Co	Sheffield W	34,000
1958	C. Jones	Swansea	Spurs	35,000
1958	A. Quixall	Sheffield W	Man Utd	45,000
1960	D. Law	Huddersfield	Man City	53,000
1957	J. Charles	Leeds	Juventus	65,000
1961	J. Greaves	Milan	Spurs	98,000
1962	D. Law	Turin	Man Utd	116,000
1968	A. Clarke	Fulham	Leicester	150,000
1969	A. Clarke	Leicester	Leeds	155,000
1970	M. Peters	West Ham	Spurs	200,000
1971	A. Ball	Everton	Arsenal	220,000
1972	D. Nish	Leicester	Derby	250,000
1974	R. Latchford	Birmingham	Everton	350,000
1976	K. Keegan	Liverpool	Hamburg	500,000

\*Part-exchange



Phil Parkes makes a save for Queen's Park Rangers against Chelsea. Team mate David Webb (right) runs back to cover opponent Bill Garner (centre).

## Ailing Bayern axes coach Gyula Lorant

**MUNICH, Crisis-ridden Bayern Munich, fired its Hungarian trainer Gyula Lorant last week.**

Bayern president Wilhelm Neudecker said Lorant had been dismissed because of a series of newspaper articles in which he had damaged the club.

"We warned him early

enough but he did not hold back," Neudecker said. Lorant, who has been on sick leave from Bayern since last December, joined the club in December, 1977, in a bizarre swap which took Bayern trainer Dettmar Cramer to Lorant's club Eintracht Frankfurt.

He was reported to earn 23,000 marks (11,400 Aust) a month with Bayern. Lorant has been unable to halt Bayern's slide from the heights of the middle 70s when it won the European Cup three times in a row. This season Bayern is out of European competition and is fifth, way behind leader Kaiserslautern, in the national League. — AAP Reuter



Gyula Lorant

## \$5 mil. ultimatum

**THE HAGUE** — The Dutch Parliament has voted against granting a Government subsidy for financially ailing soccer clubs if the Royal Dutch Football Association (KNVB) decided to introduce shirt advertising next summer.

Nine of the 11 political parties in the 150-seat lower house adopted a resolution blocking a 13 million guilders (about 5.30 million Aust. dollars) subsidy over the next few years for Holland's 37 professional clubs, most of whom are in financial difficulties.

## Docherty joins Bannon

From JIM COOK

Having spent 200,000 pounds on Eamon Bannon, brother of Pat, Vince and Ged Bannon who play in Melbourne, Chelsea manager Danny Blanchflower has gone back to Scotland and paid 60,000 pounds for striker John Docherty, 22, of Second Division club East Stirling.

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A Greek referee sent off second division player Kallazopoulos of Emodaiko recently for kissing him after he had scored a goal.

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The German magazine Kicker recently said the Bundesliga has only one world class player — Kevin Keegan.

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Leeds United announced a profit of 187,444 pounds for last season.

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Ban on Manchester United fans (except ticket holders) imposed on them for away games three years



Trevor Francis, in a game between England and Holland, is surrounded by Dutch stars, from left: Wim Rijsbergen, Johan Neeskens and Ruud Krol.

ago following near riots at Newcastle when some tried to dismantle the grandstand, is likely to be lifted soon for a trial period until the end of this season following improved behaviour.

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England refs want their 25 pounds match fee doubled.

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Belgium is reckoned to be the most cosmopolitan soccer country in Europe with over 100 players from 20 different countries playing in the first division alone. Dutch, Germans, Yu-

goslav, Danes, Swedes, Brazilians, Icelanders etc.

This situation gives them a narrow choice for the national side. As an example, when Anderlecht beat Liverpool earlier this year in the European Super Cup, it had only four Belgians in its line-up, the rest being six Dutch and one Dane.

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Florian Albert, 37-year-old former Hungarian star centre-forward, has signed a one-year contract to coach the national team of Libya.

## Arrested for cheating

**PEDRO GARCIA**, the coach of Chile's youth team, and another official have been arrested on charges of altering ages on the passports of some players for the South American youth championships in Uruguay.

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# HAKOAH 3 JUVENTUS 1

Scores: Nagy (Hak) 2, French (Hak), Smith (Juve) penalty.

Ground: Middle Park.  
Weather: Humid.  
Referee: Jim Brennan 7.  
Ratings:  
HAHOAH: Whiteside 8 - Duperia 7, Gadsby, Dusen 8, Rakovella 7 - Jordanou 9, Blair 7, Gibson 7.5 - Nagy 8, French 7, Edmondson 6 (Boz-nowski 6). Total (averaging out rating of sub. and player replaced): 78.  
JUVENTUS: Terzini 6 - Sabadini 6, Vaughan 6, Moka 5.5 (Lincantapoli), Della Rocca 6 - Tanguino 7, Sabini 6, Smith 6, C. Lucchesi 5 - Curcio 5 (Symington 7 half time), McGuinness 7. Total: 66.5.

**IN three Ampol Cup games, Juventus has been flat and uninspiring, only rarely playing good soccer.**

Only two players - **Fausto Tanguino** and new striker **Bobby McGuinness** - have shown they have the class to perform well in the State League. Juve has potentially a good side but vast improvement is needed if the Italian team is to avoid another struggling season.

Hakoah cruised to victory, building up a three-goal lead which it would have maintained but for a last-minute lapse.

McGuinness burst through the Hakoah defence, and full back **John Duperia** was forced to foul the striker to prevent him from scoring.

**Charlie Smith** converted the penalty kick.

But the scoreline could easily have been 5-1. Hakoah, playing its best soccer this season, created many chances.

The star for Hakoah was midfielder **Bill Jordanou**. Hailed as a future national league player, Jordanou gave an excellent midfield display.

He set up two goals for **Les Nagy**, and made two other "certainties" which went begging.

In the 15th minute, Jordanou attacked the Juventus defence, beating two defenders near goal before laying the ball to **Nagy**, who placed a shot past **Robert Terzini** in the Juventus goal.

Ten minutes later, a good run by **Dameris** from right back ended with the ball being cut back to **French**. From seven metres, French made no mistake.

Hakoah pushed the ball around with great control and the players gained confidence after Nagy had opened the scoring.

The team's third goal came 10 minutes after the interval. **Jordanou** created the opening with another dribble through the heart of the Juventus defence, before squaring for Nagy, who finished off the move with a well-placed shot.

Hakoah was heartened by the return of defender **Anton Dosen**. The solid former Hellas star missed Hakoah's second Ampol Cup match with knee cartilage trouble. A visit to a specialist showed he didn't need an operation, and Dosen was welcomed by the injury against Juventus.

Coach **Frank Micic** now has three central defenders - **Dosen**, **Steve Gadsby** and **David Baker** - once again impressed after coming on after half time. He could be pushing for a regular place later in the season.

Juventus again played with four midfielders but was handsomely beaten in this department by the Hakoah trio of **Jordanou**, **Ian Gibson** and **Stuart Blair**.

Up front, **McGuinness** battled hard, but wasn't supported. The lack of fire in Juve's forward line allowed Hakoah full backs **Daperia** and **Nick Rakovella** to move up and attack - **JOE MAJOR**.

## Top ratings

Team aggregates:

1. GG Ajax	232.5
2. Geo Cross	228.5
3. Frankston	219
4. Hakoah	217
5. Makedonia	217
6. Juventus	203.5
7. Croatia	202
8. Albion	195
9. Croydon	152.5+
10. Albion	140.5+
11. Sunshine	137.5+
12. Slavia	136 +

+ game in hand

# FRANKSTON 2 GEO. CROSS 2

(won on penalties 4-3)

Scores: Thom (GC) 30th, Mitten (Fr) 40th & 65th, Mizzi (GC) 55th.  
Penalty scorers: Barron, Coutjar, Mizzi (GC), Mitten, Coulson, G. Bannan, McCluskey (Frank).  
Ground: Middle Park.  
Weather: Humid.  
Referee: Jim Brennan 7.  
Ratings:  
FRANKSTON: Peterson 5 - V. Bannan 7, McCluskey 7, Adams 8, Tulloch 6 - G. Bannan 8, Brown 6 (Savage extra time), Webster 7 - Coulson 5, Mitten 8, Swincoe 6. Total: 77.  
GEO. CROSS: Matson 6 - Coutjar 5, Maitland 7, Wilkely 5 (downed), Pappas 5.5, Mifsud 7 - Mirak 6, Mizzi 7, Thom 7. Total: 68.5.

The Frankston City players knew they had done something right in their game against George Cross when club officials flooded into the dressing room after the match to congratulate the team.

Several supporters of the Bay-side club described their win as Frankston's best performance in the State League.

It's a credit to George Cross that it could hold on until the penalty shoot-out when it was playing below its best.

George Cross took the lead in the 30th minute when striker **Brian Thom**, a recent transfer from Ringwood City, scored his first goal for his new club.

Left back **Alex Tulloch** brought the ball forward for Frankston, then tried to play a one-two on the edge of the penalty area. George Cross cut out the move, and a long ball was booted out of defence towards **Ray Mizzi** on the right flank.

He eluded **Vince Bannan** then sent a curling cross to the far post where **Thom** ghosted in to score.

Ten minutes later Frankston was back on level terms. **Willie Coulson**, who once again was Frankston's best player, picked up a ball in midfield and sent a crisp pass inside **Derek Barron**.

Striker **Noel Mitten** ran from the flank to meet the ball and glided past two defenders before sending a left foot shot past **Svez Matson**.

But George Cross refused to crumble and surged to the lead again in the 65th minute.

Frankston goalkeeper **Frank Peterson** collected a cross and threw the ball to **Tulloch**. Instead of sending the ball up the flank, **Tulloch** pushed it square to **Danny McCluskey**.

McCluskey was put under pressure by **Mizzi**, who robbed him of the ball. Frankston was square across the defence, and **Mizzi** ran unchallenged towards goal before slotting the ball past **Peterson**.

But **Mitten** pulled Frankston from behind once again with a brilliant headed goal.

**Peterson** collected a cross and cross from the left after lead up work by **Tulloch** and **Geoff Bannan**. **Matson** was groping to cover the cross, but **Mitten** gave him no chance with a powerful header into the top corner.

Extra time produced no change to the scoreline, so penalties were needed.

**Laurie Bilale** missed his first shot for George Cross but the score stayed at 0-0 when **Keith Webster** failed to convert for Frankston. The team then tried to play like this: 1-0 Barron (GC), 1-1 Mitten (Fr), 1-1 Mirak (GC), 2-1 Coulson (Fr), 2-2 Coutjar (GC), 3-2 G. Bannan (Fr), 3-3 Mizzi (GC), 4-3 McCluskey (Fr).

Coulson, playing as a loose man in the midfield/forward zone, created havoc for George Cross. **Geoff Bannan** supported him well in midfield, and striker **Mitten** ran well all day. - **JOE MAJOR**.

## Top players

Leading averages:

8.5 G. Carr, Carr, Perkins (Ajax)
7.5 Adams, G. Bannan, Mitten (Frankston), Mizzi (George Cross), Vojtek (Ajax), Rakovella (Hak), Beech (Mak).
7. Watters (Altona), Banovic (Cro), McCluskey, Coulson, Webster (Frankston), Matson, Maitland, Pappas, Thom (George Cross), K. Bannan, Patten, McCarthy (Ajax), Dosen, Jordanou, Gibson, Nagy (Hak), Bartholme, Bernard (Mak).

# MAKEDONIA 2 ALTONA 1

Scores: Train (Al) pen. 10th, Masalovski (M) 58th, McMillan (M) 61st.

Crowd: 1500.  
Ground: Olympic Park (West).  
Weather: Overcast and humid.  
Cautions: None.  
Referee: Colin McRae 6.  
Ratings:  
PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Kastner 6, Rainey 6, Garthwaite 7, Brewerton 6, Beech 8, Petrovski 5, Lovelace 7, Bernard 7, Faulkner 7 (Petrov 56th min), McMillan 7, Cullen 7 (Masalovski 56th min). Total: 73.  
ALTONA CITY: van der Poel 6, Wilson 6, Kelly 8, Murray 6, Train 6, Watters 7, Bannan 7, Deluca 6 (Ignatidis 56th min), Hird 6, Little 7, Taylor 6. Total: 71.

At first, Preston manager **Tony Vrzina's** substitution of star forwards **Robert Cullen** and **Jeff Faulkner** seemed suicidal, but as it turned out, the switch was a match-winner.

Everyone at Olympic Park was shocked when Vrzina replaced the two strikers with **Chris Petrov** and **Dusko Masalovski** in the 58th minute. 14 minutes from the end.

Preston was down 1-0 and needed all the striking power it could muster to bridge the gap.

Vrzina's decision angered Makedonia's fans, already agitated at seeing their team on course for its third successive Ampol Cup defeat.

Several Preston players showed disgust at the move, particularly **George McMillan**, who stood on the touchline shouting and waving his arms at his coach.

Clearly Vrzina had more to lose than the game if the brave move didn't come off.

But the hostile crowd was quieted, and the players were happy after substitute **Masalovski** equalised in the 58th minute.

And when **McMillan** scored the winner three minutes later, Vrzina's move was hailed as a master stroke.

Preston saved the match in the last 14 minutes, which was sickening for Altona. The luckless Altona had the lead for over most of the match after taking the lead from the penalty spot, only to be pipped on the post.

The previous week against Hakoah, Altona was left without a point even though the scoreline was 1-1 a minute from the end.

The rain-soaked pitch produced entertaining, fast soccer, with plenty of goalmouth action.

Altona mastered the conditions better in the first half, playing safe, long passes out of defence then starting to push the ball around when nearing goal.

Preston tried to play a short-passing game which broke down in the wet conditions.

Altona went into the lead when **George Train** converted a penalty after a foul on striker **Bob Taylor**.

Taylor had robbed Mike Rainey of the ball but was floored by the full back's desperate tackle.

But in the second half, Preston swapped Altona and pinned its opponents in their own half for long periods.

**Cullen** missed several good chances. Just before he was taken off, **McMillan** cut a pass back to him, only to see Cullen miscue his shot when faced with an open goal.

Altona soaked up considerable pressure but hit back with Taylor having one attempt kicked off the line.

**Masalovski's** goal came after a short pass back to **Hana van der Poel** in the crowded Altona defence allowed the Preston reserve to nip in poke the ball into the net.

**McMillan's** winner was made by **Bernard**, who did endless covering in defence, midfield workhorse, **Terry Bannan** and **George Watters**, and striker **Net Little**. For Preston, attacking full back **Steve Beech**, midfielders **Eric Lovelace** and **Bernard**, and the original forward trio - **McMillan**, **Faulkner** and **Cullen** - were all good players. - **KYLE PATTERSON**.

# AUSTRALIAN AMPOL CUP

## G.G. AJAX 5 ESS. CROATIA 1

Scores: Segi (Aj) 13th. & 2nd. Short (Cr) own goal 18th, Cullina (Cr) 21st, Carr (Aj) 23rd. & 39th.

Ground: Olympic Park, west.  
Crowd: About 1500.  
Referee: Chris Benbridge 6.  
Cautions: Blaver (Cr).  
Sent off: Blaver (Cr) 60th.

Ratings:  
AJAX: Dehys 7 - J. Thompson 7, G. Carr 9, K. Carr 9, Patten 9, Vojtek 9, McCarthy 9, Vassallo 6 (Bernie 55th) - Segi 8, Carr 9, Perkins 9. Total: 88.  
CROATIA: Banovic 6 - Adams 4, Kokoska 4, Gardiner 5, Blaver 4 (sent off 60th) - Short 5, Andrews 4, Murphy 7 - Cumming 4, Gilder 4, Cullina 7. Total: 54.

Everything came off for Ajax **John Patten** marked **Tommy Cumming** out of the game. **Mick Klarin** did likewise to **Carl Gilder** and **Dave Perkins** and **Steve Carr**, assisted by **Andy Segi**, tore the Croatia defence to shreds.

In midfield player-coach **Billy Vojtek** started attack after attack with missionary passes against his former team and **Ian McCarthy** did a power of work as the defensive midfielder.

**John Cain** not only cleared up everything that got past **Klarin Patten** and **Joe Thompson**, but also stormed forward to make Ajax's attacks even more devastating.

Many of the Croatia stars did their reputations harm. **Cumming** and **Gilder** who got very little support from midfield, were helpless under close marking but they cannot be blamed as much as the defenders, who could not cope with Ajax's speed and ball play.

**Steve Kokoska** had no control over his opponent, **Steve Carr**, and **Keith Adams**, playing his first full game since transferring from **Wilhelmina**, allowed **Dave Perkins** to be probably the best man of the game.

On the other side, **Anto Blaver** resorted to some very dubious tactics and was eventually sent off the field by referee **Chris Benbridge**.

In midfield only **Ken Murphy** showed this type of determination. If it wins, its remains a year and in attack, only **Branko Cullina**, who scored a goal and had one disallowed for offside, posed any problems for the Ajax defence.

Vojtek must be congratulated for the style of soccer Ajax is playing. The emphasis is on skilful

play on the ground. There are lots of one-two, cut-backs off the wing, devastating bursts down the line, forwards taking on their men and beating them.

Yet the number of men going forward against Croatia was limited. Of the midfielders, only **Vojtek** moved right up to join attack, while **McCarthy** and **Willie Vassallo**, who is still carrying an injury, hung back.

Full backs **Patten** and **Thompson** also stayed back as did **Klarin**, meaning **Cain** was the only member of the back four who ventured much over the half line when the chance was there.

In other words, the Croatia defence mostly had a 4 v 3 advantage, yet it was still beaten badly.

Ajax is sure to be in the finals but there is still hope for Croatia as well. If it wins, its remains a year and in attack, only **Branko Cullina**, who scored a goal and had one disallowed for offside, posed any problems for the Ajax defence.

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Here's how the goals were scored

1-0: **McCarthy** plays a short ball to **Patten** who lofts a bunning ball over the advancing, square defence. **Perkins** on the left times his run so he isn't offside, then squares the ball into the middle where **Segi** taps it home.

2-0: The ball goes high into the air after a deflection and is dropping back into play, just past the bar. **Short**, on the line, tries to head it over for a corner, but puts it into the top of the net instead for an own goal.

2-1: **Cullina** weaves past three defenders and hits a swerving shot out of the reach of **Lou Denys**.

3-1: **Vojtek** beats his man on the right wing and crosses to just past the far post where **Carr** angles it back towards the net. **Gardiner** heads short to **Banovic** in a defensive manoeuvre on the line, but the linesman signals the ball has just crossed the line and entered the goal.

Half time: 3-1.

4-1: **Perkins** crosses to the far post where **Carr** rises much higher than the Croatia defenders and heads into the net.

5-1: **Segi** smashes a thundering shot past **Banovic** from 20 metres. - **LAURIE SCHWAB**.



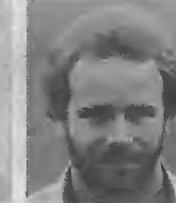
Billy Vojtek



Dave Perkins



Steve Carr



John Cain

## THIS WEEK

Ampol Cup third round games -  
Friday night, March 2, Olympic Park  
JUVENTUS v ALTONA CITY 7.30 pm  
ESSENDON CROATIA v ALBION ROVERS 8.45 pm.  
Saturday, March 3, McClelland Drive, Frankston  
HAHOAH ST. KILDA v SUNSHINE 2 pm.  
FRANKSTON CITY v GREEN GULLY AJAX 3.15 pm.  
Sunday, March 4, B.T. Connor Reserve, Preston  
GEO. CROSS v SLAVIA 2 pm.  
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v CROYDON CITY 3.15 pm.

	W	L	F	A	P
GG Ajax.....	3	0	8	2	6
Frankston.....	2	1	6	4	4
Geo Cross.....	1	2	2	3	2
Slavia.....	1	1	1	2	2*
Croatia.....	1	2	3	5	2
Albion R.....	0	2	2	6	0*
GROUP B					
	W	L	F	A	P
Hakoah.....	3	0	6	2	6
Croydon.....	2	0	5	2	4*
Sunshine.....	2	0	1	0	4*
Makedonia.....	1	2	2	2	2
Altona.....	0	3	3	7	0
Juventus.....	0	3	2	6	0

\* game in hand

Leading scorers: 4. Mitten (Franks); 3. Carr, Segi (Ajax); 2. Watters (Altona), Wyllie (Croy). G. Bannan (Franks), French (Hak), Nagy (Hak).

## JUNIOR TRIALS

Details of Victorian junior region trials:  
DANDENONG REGION, under 13 - St. Paul's, Canterbury Road, Box Hill. Wednesday 4.30 pm - 6 pm and Sunday 12.30 pm - 3 pm. Coach Kelly. Patterson 89-7542.  
Under 15 - Hubbard Reserve, Evelyn Road Ringwood Sunday March 4 9 am. noon. Coach Dunkley.  
WEST REGION, under 13 - Altona seaside ground Saturday March 3 and 10 9.30 am.

CENTRAL REGION, under 13, March 4, 10 am. Dandy Street Brighton. Under 15, Middle Park Saturday March 3 10 am.  
Norm Wood is temporary co-ordinator for the Peninsula Region (VIC). A pre-season meeting will take place on March 8 at 7.30 pm at the Seaford clubrooms.  
Region coaches for the U12 and the U15 squads Peninsula area are still wanted.

## Help us: Vrzina

Coach **Tony Vrzina** has warned a small group of angry Makedonia supporters after their protests at Olympic Park on Friday night that he and his players need moral support if they are to produce their best.

Vrzina and some of the players were abused by the spectators as Makedonia struggled to beat Altona City 2-1.

"He said the supporters would not have to work on him the way they worked on previous coaches, as he would not stay with the club unless he and his players were given a 'fair go'."

The group of spectators concerned had treated some of the players very unfairly and had made it hard for every coach so far, Vrzina said.

"They always have 'reasons', like one coach did not use Makedonian players, another did play them, one was 'too soft', the other was 'too tough' and so on," he added.

"However, most of those coaches previously won many trophies at other clubs."

"Makedonia has never won anything in the State League. It simply takes more than money. It takes moral support, plenty of confidence, peaceful co-operation and many other things which we don't have at the moment. Due to this small group of supporters."

"I have to thank the majority of supporters for their help, which we badly need. I wish the small, unruly group would follow the lead of the majority."

"They must all realise that last year, the club bought 11 players and this year we lost eight, including State players **Peter Laumets** and **Billy McLymont**.

"To replace them, we have so far been able to get only four new players and all four together cost less than Laumets who was sold for \$15,000."

"When we started our training in January, I had only six players. Now I have 13 and seven of them are defenders, plus goalkeepers. We were called off because Sunday morning rain made the goal areas at Chaplin Reserve Sunshine unfit for play."

"However, no coach has ever built a great team overnight, so I appeal to all supporters to give us their support if they are really supporters of Makedonia."

"We did not want to take the risk of a player breaking a leg," he said.

## 'Cross still homeless'

George Cross has failed in its bid to secure Footscray J.U.S.T.'s Schindler Reserve as its home ground for 1979.

Kellor City of the First Division got in first, after losing the use of Churchill Reserve in St. Albans.

Kellor City officials approached J.U.S.T. before George Cross did, and was given the OK to use the ground.

George Cross is therefore still homeless, having failed in its application to use Olympic Park.

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## WESTS SIGN RAY POCKOCK

Ray Pocock has transferred from Sunshine City to Victorian First Division club Western Suburbs for a fee of \$3000.

"Soccer Action" reported exclusively last week that Pocock was sick of State League soccer and eager to play in a lower division. However, he may find himself back in the State League within a year, as Wests are determined to win promotion.

The State League could certainly do with Wests crowd support. There hasn't been a Greek club in the league since Hellas and Alexander left to join the PSL. Pocock teams up in Wests attack with former Hellas and Alexander forward Ulysses Kokkinos.

Like Kokkinos, Pocock is a former Victorian State representative. He also represented NSW and had one appearance for Australia as a substitute in 1974.

Pocock played about 200 games for Sunshine in the states before switching to Melbourne in 1970. That year, he was voted Victoria's best player by the VSF's official publication, "Soccer News."

Impressed by his goal scoring reputation, Sydney club Canterbury-Marrickville bought Pocock and his Melbourne team mate Istvan Kori in 1971.

The club was struggling in the NSW First Division and wanted Pocock and Kori to lift it out of the mire. Both players contributed goals, but not enough to save Canterbury from relegation.

Pocock became leading scorer in the NSW Second Division, then had a stint with Marconi before returning to Sunshine. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

## Ardeer wins at Festival

Ardeer won the Polish Festival soccer tournament at Lara (Vic) by beating fellow First Division club Polonia 2-0.

Kolanowicz and Dykun scored the goals, watched by a 3000 crowd that included the Victorian Premier, Dick Hamer.

Ardeer reached the final by beating Sydney Cabramatta 5-0 with a hat-trick by Dykun and two by Kucinski.

Polonia won its semi-final 1-0 against RACV, the goal coming from former Ardeer player Pirchner.

## Batticiotto for \$900

Former South Melbourne Hellas full back Giovanni Batticiotto has been transferred to Collingwood City for \$900.

Batticiotto's career with Hellas was cut short some years ago by an injury.

# BERDOGS KO TOP TEAMS

The scalps of three First Division clubs were claimed by giant killers during Victorian Dockerty Cup and Tommy Burns Memorial Cup games on the weekend.

The biggest upset was at St Albans, where H. D. Dinamo defeated First Division Devonport 3-1 in the Dockerty Cup.

Dandenong City went down 2-4 to Melfon and Kellor City was defeated 3-2 by Doncaster in two other shocks.

First Division clubs Moreland and Collingwood City had close escapes.

Collingwood needed penalties to overcome Nunawading City, as did Moreland in its match against Fentree Gully.

Results: — Dockerty Cup preliminary round: — Thomastown 0 South Yarra 1, Yallourn 1 Regent 2, 5th Dandenong 0 Springvale 2, 5th Oakleigh 1, Clarinda 0, West Geelong 7 De La Salle 1, Diamond Creek 2 Cranbourne 5, Hamlyn 1 Corio 0, Abbotshurst 3 Mordialloc 2, Moreland 1 F.T.G. 1 (Moreland won 4-1 on penalties), Monash (Latrobe Valley) drew with La Trobe University. Penalties yet to be taken. Burnley 0 Bosch 1, Mitcham 1 Coburg 4, 5th Melbourne 4 Knox City 3, Park Rangers 6 Ringwood Utd. 0 Fitzroy 1, Gladstone Park 2, H.D. Dinamo 3 Devonport 1, Dandenong City 2 Melfon 4, Port Melbourne 3 West Melbourne 1, Footscray 2 Wiltuna 1, Nunawading City 0 Collingwood 0 (Collingwood won 6-5 on penalties), Kenyaburough 6 La Trobe City 2, Doncaster 4 McLeod Utd. 2, Traralgon 0, Kellor City 3.

Tommy Burns Memorial Cup — Fawkner & Kellor Austria 1, Kellor City 2 Doncaster 3, Park Rangers 5 F.T.G. 0, Morwell Falcons 0 Box Hill 2, Ringwood 9 Moorabbin 1, Broadmeadows 3 Chelsea 0, Waverley City 0 Ringwood City 3, Yallourn 0 Western Suburbs 0.

Quarterfinals draw Tommy Burns Cup — Fawkner v Doncaster, Box Hill v Ringwood City, Richmond v Broadmeadows and Western Suburbs v Park Rangers. Matches to be played this weekend.

Dockerty Cup second preliminary round — Nth. Geelong v Geelong, Waverley City v West Brunswick, Moorabbin v Moreland, Abbotshurst v Cranbourne, Regent v Melbourne, Park Rangers v Prahran City, Werribee v Heidelberg, Thomastown v Kenyaburough, Boronia v Carlton, Burnley v Broadmeadows, H.D. Dinamo v Uni of Melb, Pegasus v Frankston Pines, Monash (Latrobe Valley) v Uni of La Trobe, Altona, 5th Oakleigh v Clayton, 5th Melbourne v Hamlyn, Central Altona v Brunswick, Berwick v

Benwon City, Ballarat v Fawkner, Morwell Falcons v Nth. Sunnyside, Essendon City v West Geelong, Moorabbin v Brithnon, Port Melbourne v Richmond, Gladstone Park v Rosanna, Footscray v Melbourne City, Kellor Austria v Coburg, Kellor City v Doncaster.

DETAILS OF WEEKEND MATCHES:

BOX HILL 2 (Cupido, Valentine) MORWELL FALCONS 0 Tommy Burns Cup.

BOX HILL: Jacovelli, White, Corke, Tsakalidis, K. Patterson, Valentine, McLeod, Ramos, Cupido, Taylor, S. Patterson.

A young Box Hill side ruined former State League star Sandy Irvine's debut for Morwell Falcons with a clean-cut 2-0 victory in the Tommy Burns Cup.

Irvine, who is player/coach of Morwell, was transferred from Frankston City the day before the game for \$3000.

A dispute over his transfer fee had previously delayed his clearance to the Latrobe Valley club.

But his presence wasn't enough for Morwell to overcome its First Division opponent, despite Irvine's inspiring first performance.

Irvine, playing as a striker, was the focal point of Morwell's attacks. Irvine had Morwell's best scoring chance when he hooked a loose ball towards goal, only to have Box Hill goalkeeper Gino Jacovelli make a brilliant save.

However, the Hillmen had far more opportunities to score. Noel Cupido twice tried to pass the ball when in good scoring positions, and Scott Patterson was narrowly wide with a close-range shot.

Cupido made amends when he slammed home a 15-metre shot seconds before half time.

In the first half, the honors in midfield were about even, but in the second half, Box Hill, led by Ray Taylor took control of the midfield.

Pedro Ramos, Michael Valentine and Greg McLeod.

Valentine sealed Morwell's fate with a scorching, 25-yard shot soon after the interval.

From then on, Box Hill was in command and should have scored several goals.

Best for the Hillmen were sweeper George Tsakalidis, centre half Paul Corke, Cupido and Taylor, but the win was the result of team effort more than one individual performance.

After the match, the bus load of Box Hill players, supporters and officials that made their way down to Morwell where invited back to the Falcons social club.

H.D. DINAMO 3 (Maric 2, Spoljar) DEVONPORT 1 (Roderick) Dockerty Cup.

In the biggest shock in the Metropolitan ranks this season, H.D. Dinamo completely outplayed Devonport to win 3-1.

Devonport was never in the game, and only scored its goal in injury time of the second half!

Dinamo led 2-0 at half time, and increased the margin to three goals soon after the break. Spoljar and Maric (2) were the goalscorers for Dinamo.

Along with Brkijacic, Maric was Dinamo's best player.

Devonport made no excuses for the humiliating defeat, but secretary Steve Robertson said the club wouldn't be entering the competition next season.

George Cross, Makedonia or any State League club would have lost to Dinamo under the conditions we played in," he said. "The ground was in a school and was very small and bumpy."

"Devonport is making excuses, but unless the rules of the competition are changed we will not compete next season. If we have to play these small clubs on their own grounds, how come State League sides get a free pass to the first main round and invariably are drawn at home?"



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# WEBB SWAPPED FOR KUZMANOV?

**George Cross wants to swap long-serving defender John Webb for disgruntled Keilor Austria forward Nick Kuzmanov.**

But Kellor, angry that George Cross has slapped a \$4,000 price tag on Webb's head, will have nothing to do with the deal.

"John Webb is 33 years old," said Austria spokesman Fred Carr. "He has two, maybe three seasons left in him, and his club is asking a huge amount."

John was with us before going to George Cross. We let him go for \$500, now to get him back we have to pay his club eight times the amount they paid us. It's criminal."

Mr Carr said the deal was unacceptable because Keilor Austria paid \$5,500 for Kuzmanov (ex-Essendon Croatia), who played only a handful of games for the club.

"Austria would be prepared to pay around \$1,000 for Webb," said Carr. "In return, George Cross wants a young player worth \$5,500 who's a forward. Good forwards are very hard to find."

Last season, Webb was coach of Keilor Austria after Milenko Ruzmir parted company with the club.

Austria is still hopeful of securing Webb despite the prohibitive fee demanded.

Kuzmanov has indicated he would rather join Green Gully or Preston Makedonia, but the swap deal can't be ruled out.

Austria has been busy in the transfer market in recent weeks. Veteran winger Angelo Farata has been signed from Collingwood City for \$500. Farata, a cagey customer, has upset many good defences with his niggling tactics.

Three Keilor City players — Gerry Althelm, Reinhard Kinkel and goalkeeper Wally Bryden — have moved to Austria for a joint fee of \$1,500.

Austria is hopeful Albion Rovers forward Alan Quinn will agree to the terms offered to him. Quinn has trained with several clubs, and it is believed he will go to the highest bidder.

Austria had its bid rejected by Quinn, but the club is hoping the blond striker will reconsider.

Striker Nestor Menesses is still on the transfer list at Austria. Fawcner met Austria's demand of \$1,000 transfer fee, but the player couldn't come to agreement with the Italian-backed club.

It's highly unlikely Menesses will play with Keilor Austria again.

Most of Austria's players from last season have agreed to re-sign for the same match payments and for no signing on fees. The club, delighted at the loyalty shown by

the players, will reward the players with a bonus should the club win promotion.

Two of Keilor's players — Ray Boller and Guenter Ganglemaier — are on the club's committee.

But after an incident at training recently, Ganglemaier was suspended for a month by the club. It's a strange situation, but Austria is confident he will play a major role in the push towards the top of the Second Division.

# VICTORIAN ROUND-UP



Nick Kuzmanov



John Webb of George Cross (second from right) hooks the ball away from a fallen Croatia opponent. Number two is Phil Cutajar, with Tony Castiello (left).

# IRVINE TRANSFERS TO MORWELL

**Eleventh-hour negotiations clinched the transfer of Frankston City star Sandy Irvine to Morwell Falcons in time for the Latrobe Valley club's first game.**

Morwell officials journeyed to Melbourne last Friday night, and came to an agreement of \$3,000 transfer fee with Frankston.

Irvine's clearance was rushed through the official channels at Soccer House to allow the former Soccerco to play for Morwell against Box Hill in the Tommy Burns Memorial Cup the following day.

Morwell Falcons were defeated 2-0.

Morwell's hectic rush to sign Irvine on the eve of the club's first match for 1979 was totally unexpected.

Early last week, a Morwell official told 'Soccer Action' his club was prepared to pay between \$1500 and \$2000 for Irvine. At the time, Frankston were demanding \$4500.

Irvine had gone to the trouble of getting his solicitor to send copies of a written transfer request to the Victorian Soccer Federation and Frankston City has the first step to an Appeals Board hearing.

Irvine was determined to leave Frankston for a low fee.

His first visit to the Appeals Board ended with the case being dismissed because he hadn't sent a written transfer request to Frankston.

The Appeals Board ruled Frankston had no case to answer because it hadn't officially been notified of Irvine's desire to leave the club.

Talks between Frankston and Morwell Falcons ended in stalemate early last week, and it was expected the dispute would drag on until it went before the Appeals Board for a second time.

Irvine, who has a two-year contract with Morwell as a playing coach, can now begin to plan in earnest the Falcons' promotion bid.

Irvine is believed to be earning \$200 a week from Morwell, making him one of the highest paid coaches in Victoria.

## Refs course

Northern Region (Vic) referees course starts at the end of March. Contact — Mr B. Brown, 450 1928. Mr K. Ouch, 438 1784.

## Goalie sought

Vermont Soccer Club (Vic) division 3, district league requires a goalkeeper for first team. For information ring Benny Dal Ben on 232 8518.

# Provisional Cup starts March 17

Mr Lou Staceira is the chairman of the Provisional League Committee of Management for 1979.

The deputy chairman and public relations officer is Mr Les Stafford. Other executives are Ken Landman (secretary), Jim Oliver, Don Parrott, Neil McCarthy, Jim Samson, Bob Ferguson and Larry Goodman (committee members).

Two preliminary round games in the Provisional League Cup will be played on March 17. The games are Melton v Mordialloc and Nunawading City v Nth Dandenong.

On March 24, the first round proper will be played. The draw is Carlton v Hawksburn, Langwarrin v Univ of Melb, Nunawading v Greensborough, Sth Dandenong v Berwick City, Melton v Mordialloc v South Yarra, Bendigo v Ballarat, Williamstown v Cent. Altona, Hawthorn v Regent, Geelong v Rosebud, Bulleen v Nth Geelong, Hotham v Nth Yarra, City of Nth Dandenong, Moe v Boroona, Sunbury v Sth Oakleigh, Thomastown v Karingal, Royal Park v Box Hill, East Brunswick v Hamlyn Ranges.

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Tommy Fox

# Fox to Dandy

Former Preston Makedonia midfielder Tommy Fox has joined Dandenong City.

Fox was put on the transfer list at Frankston, and was snapped up by the First Division club for around \$1,000.

At Dandenong he joins several ex-Frankston players including coach Frank Pyrie and midfielder Billy Buchanan.

Dave Gornie, the former South Melbourne star forward who made a comeback with Dandenong last season, has gone back into retirement.

An ankle injury forced out Gornie, who played stopper last season.

# Bentley accepts

Former Albion Rovers defender Gordon Bentley has signed with First Division Dandenong.

Bentley, who was given a free transfer after Albion broke his contract last season, trained with Dandenong for several weeks before agreeing to the terms offered to him.

Dandenong is leading Dandenong in the chase for Jim and Keith Waterman. Keith, a 15-year-old goalkeeper, has played reserve team games for Box Hill and has great potential.

Jim, a striker, has played first team games for Green Gully and Albion. He showed interest in joining Box Hill, but stormed out after a dispute.

Former Dandenong junior Con Fakos may return to the club.

Fakos transferred to Frankston City for a token \$100 15 seasons ago, but was transferred-listed by the Bayside club.

But Dandenong will not be paying Frankston \$500 for Fakos, the price believed to be on the young forward's head.

Dandenong is hopeful of signing George Cross, full back, Archie McConville. The stocky defender was quoted at \$6000 two seasons ago, but George Cross has lowered the fee substantially.

# Hakoah to sign Rigby



Dave Rigby

Adelaide City midfielder Dave Rigby looks certain to join Hakoah St Kilda.

The former Mooroolbark linkman failed to win a place in Adelaide City's team after transferring to the club last season, and expressed a desire to return to Victoria.

He played a practice game with Preston Makedonia and was linked with Essendon Croatia before going to Hakoah.

If Rigby joins Hakoah, it will mean the Jewish-sponsored club will have eight players in its squad with Fitzroy League experience. They are: Billy Whitehead (ex-Fitzroy), Anton Dosen (ex-South Melbourne), John Daperis (ex-South Melbourne), Nick Rakovialis (ex-Fitzroy), Ian Gibson (ex-South Melbourne), Mike Carney (ex-Mooroolbark), Graham French (ex-South Melbourne) and Rigby.

# SECOND OFFER FOR TUFFIELD

**George Cross has shown interest in Box Hill striker Ian Tuffield, who has been training with Preston Makedonia.**

George coach Johnny Sanchez is anxious to boost his team's forward line after the transfer of Ken Reed to Apla for \$9,000 and Robert Cullen to Preston for \$6,000.

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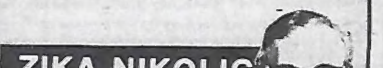
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Morgan, the former Melbourne goalkeeper, joined Box Hill in 1977. And put on several excellent performances last season.



ZIKA NIKOLIC

Nardna poslovica "Po jutru se dan poznaje" ne odnosi se na Melburn i kolonu. Da su to znali organizatori prijateljskih utakmica JUST — West Adelaide i Hellas — Adelaide City, sigurno ne bi otakali oba susreta.

Timovi iz Adelaide su bili na aerodromu, spremni da uđu u avion za Melburn, kada ih je zaustavio dramatičan poziv: "Ne polazite! U Melburnu je potop!" Medjutim, dva sata kasnije skoro se nije primicalo u Footscray-u i Middle Parku da je kisa padala od ponoci do podne.

Nijaviji su razgovori, a jos vise klubski blagajnici, koji su očekivali velike priloge. Ustavu, bio je to prvi pokolj klubova Philips Liga u Melburnu, da igraju istovremeno na tri igralista. JUST je specijalno htio da vidi na koliko navijaca moze racunati u novoj sezoni. Da li je obnovljeni tim provratilo staro? I kupio nove navijace? Pitanje je ostalo bez odgovora.

Upravo JUST-a se nada da ce iduce nedjelje uspeti da odigne protiv utakmicu sa Markonijem u Footscray-u i da ce vreme biti mnogo bolje nego prosle nedjelje.

PLAVI ce odigrati prijateljsku utakmicu protiv Melbourne, 1. marta na svom igralistu u Footscray-u. Pocetak u 8 sati po podne.

Definitivno je politijan Ollerton pod doleko povoljnim uslovima nego sto se govorilo i pisalo. Igrace celu utakmicu u cetvrtak protiv Melbourne, da bi se sto bolje privikao na novu sredinu i sistem igre.

Trenera ima mnogo, cak sa diplomama, ali bez dobrih igraca nema dobrih trenera. To potvrđuju dva najmladjih trenera u Melburnu, Frank Micic i Billy Vojtek. Nemaaju diplome, nisu pshadjali nikakve kurseve, ali njihovo bogato iskustvo, koje su stekli kao vrhunski igraci, pomoglo im je da postanu dobri treneri. Nikoga vise nema iznenaditi ulazak njihovih klubova u finale AMpol Kupa. Makedonija i Croatia imaju same teorijsku sanacu za finale.

Proste subote je pocelo predtakmicenje za Dockery Cup, najstarije nogometno takmicenje u Viktoriji. Drugi tim JUST-a je pobedio WILTON/VOJVOJODINU sa 2:1 (1:1). Zbog velike crucine i omorine, obe ekipe su igralo sporo. Gresilo se mnogo, ali je JUST ipak bio nadmocniji celu vreme i zaslužio pobjedu sa vecom razlikom.

JUST je vec u 5. minutu imao zrelu sanacu, ali se lopta odbila od preke. U 30. minutu desni bek Vojvodine Ljube Kitonovski je pokusao rukama da zastiti lice od lopte. Zaboravio je da se nalazi u kaznenom prostoru, pa je bez potrebe zaradio jedanaesterac. Najstariju kaznu je uspesno izveo golman "plavih" Milutin Ciric. Radost je bila dratkog veka, jer je u 31. minutu bivsi golman JUST-a Pavle Oravec izjednakao iz slobodnog udarca sa 20 metara.

U drugom poluvremenu JUST je zadržao terensku nadmic, ali nije imao dobrih pucaca u navali. Medjutim, u 70. minutu umalo sto Vojvodine nije povelja sa 2:1. Desno krilo Belani je primio loptu na deset metara od gola. Mogao je da podje napred, ali s odlucio da sutira. Lopta se odigrala odbila u polje. Zato je pet minuta kasnije JUST povelja sa 2:1. Vlasto Belic, koji je tek usao u igru, iznenadno je centrirao a Pavle Simic je u trku savladao golmana glavom. Posle toga, Vlasto Belic je jos dva puta izbio sam pred golmana, ali je oba puta sutirao preko preke.

KEILOR CITY je takodje usao u drugu rundu Dockery Cup-a. Pobedio je kao gost Taralgaon 6:2 sa 3:0 (2:0).

Iduce subote na JUST-ovom igralistu imacemo opet priliku da vidimo dupli program. KEILOR CITY treba da se sastane u 1 sat po podne sa Doncaster Roversom, od koga je izgubio prosle subote sa 2:3 za to. The Tommy Burns Memorial. Ova utakmica se igra za Dockery Cup. Digi ratoci, iaka "omke" u 3 sata po podne, igra drugi tim "plavih" protiv Malvern City, takodje za Dockery Cup.

Na turniru Ilandena, koji je održan na izletu u Verbiolu, postignuti su sledeci rezultati: Central Altona — Ilanden 3:2 (0:2), MECO HOLDINGS — Vardar 2:0 (1:0). U finalu, koje je bilo uzbuđujuco pored velikog blata i kisa, Mecco Holdings je savladao Central Altona sa 3:2. Predsednik Ilandena Jovanovski urucio je pobjedniku lep pehar i zahvalio se na velikom odzivu, iako je bilo lose vreme.

U prijateljskom susretu DIECRAFT je pobedio CARLTON/SRBILU sa 2:1 (2:0). Igra je bila zanimljiva i ubudva. Strijci: Milan Velickovic 2 gola za Diecraft, Vasko Stojanovic 1 gol za Carlton. Oba golmana su bili na visini zadatka. Od igraca, treba pomenuti igara Mukaveca i Milana Velickovica iz Diecrafta, koji je Bosko Djordjevic bio stib Carltona. Za Diecraft je potpisao, ali nije nastupio na ovoj utakmici, Stevan Kosovac, dugogodisnji igar Taraxa.

Zbog kise i blata nije odigrana prva prijateljska utakmica dva nasa tima. Pegasus i Taraxa koji vec godinama vode glavnu reč u prvoj industrijskoj ligi. Iduce nedjelje Taraxa igra prijateljsku utakmicu protiv Philip Morris na Monash University igralistu.

Jugoslovenski centar iz Gwelngona priredjuje u nedjelju 4. marta izlet i nogometni turnir na Lara Sports Groundu. Na turniru ucestvuje nekoliko timova iz Geelonga i Melburna.



The men behind Morwell Falcon's 1979 promotion bid: (left to right) Joe Sciberras (Assistant coach) Don Di Fabrizio (President) Sandy Irvine (Coach) Dennis Brabbin (Assistant coach).

# Brothers united!

Graham Irvine will join his brothers Sandy and Steven in the Australian soccer scene this season.

Graham, a left back, is due to many in Scotland in June, after which he will come to Australia with his wife to settle and look for a soccer club.

Sandy is the most famous of the Irvine brothers, having played for Australia, Victoria, the famous Juventus team of 1970 and being player/coach of Frankston City.

Steve Irvine, a winger who came to Australia last season, is playing with Doveton. He caught the eye of several State League clubs, and is young enough to be earmarked for success in the future.

The most famous set of brothers in Victorian soccer is the Bannons.

Pat Bannon has won the Rothmans Medal and captained Fitzroy Utd for several seasons. He's a midfielder.

Vince Bannon won the Rothmans Medal, represented Victoria and played for Fitzroy Utd. and Frankston City.

God Bannon, the last of the brothers to come to Australia, is currently with Frankston City after playing with Juventus.

A fourth brother Eamon, is by far the most successful. He recently transferred to English club Chelsea for over A \$300,000 from Scottish club Hearts.

## Richards in

Clayton stalwart Noel Richards has replaced Rocky Frangione as club coach.

Frangione, who coached Clayton for the past two seasons, has joined Juventus as assistant coach to Tony Boggi.

His departure paved the way for Richards, who has been with Clayton since its establishment 15 years ago, to take over at the helm.

Clayton has received a \$750 grant from the Department of Youth Sport and Recreation. The money will be spent on improvements to the floodlights and clubrooms at Clayton's Carlson Reserve ground.

Clayton is disappointed at losing promising youngsters Brian Cairnduff and Michael Lalates.

Clayton is looking for players to bolster its senior teams. Players interested should contact secretary Chris Kindon on 798 5651.

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